

TAIWO OLUWAWEMIMO AKINLAMI'S CURRICULUM VITAE

Public Interest and Social Development Legal Practitioner; Securing A Friendly and Protective Environment for Children® System's Approach Content and Intellectual Property Owner and ETHICIST, Nigeria and arguably Africa's Doyen of the field of Child Safeguarding and Protection and Family Strengthening as a foremost Subject Matter, focusing on Belief System, Ethical Standards, System/Policy Development, Deployment and Dissemination, Parenting and Total Family Life Management Expert, Child Safeguarding and Protection Monitoring and Evaluation Expert and Contents and Curriculum Developer and Consultant to UNICEF, the British Council, European Union-Funded and British Council-Managed Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC), UNFPA, SOS Children's Village International, USAID, Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Agency of the Ministry of Justice, Lagos State, Lagos State Government Ministry of Education, Office of Quality Assurance, Lagos State Government Ministry of Youth and Social Development, Global Rights, Teach4Nigeria (among others), Social Empowerment and Advancement (SEA) Campaigner, School Leadership, Teacher and Core Skill & Competences Trainer for the British Council, Active Participant in Volunteering Engagements with local and international organizations, including being Special Court Appointed Advocate for Children, Franklin County, Columbus, Ohio, United States of America, Mandated Reporter of the Franklin County Children Services, Columbus, Ohio.

*His Social Advocacy and Empowerment and Family Strengthening efforts in the last 23 years has brought to the front burner of the conscience and consciousness of individuals, private and public institutions in Nigeria and arguably Africa, the PROTECTION, RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES of the child and the family for due respect **IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD.***

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Membership of Professional Associations:

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for Children, Franklin County, Columbus, Ohio, United States of America

Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)

Child Protection Network (an initiative UNICEF), Lagos State

The Fellowship of the Institute of Management Consultants (FIMC)

Certified Management Consultant, granted by the International Council of Management Consulting Institutes (ICMCI)

Notable Engagement:

Mandated Reporter, Franklin County Children Services, Columbus, Ohio, United States of America

Ex-Secretary General, UNICEF's Child Protection Network (CPN), Lagos State

Former Member, Human Rights Committee, Nigerian Bar Association, Ikeja

Professional Milestones:

A PERSON OF EXTRAORDINARY ABILITY

Taiwo AKINLAMI is presently residing in the United States, as a Person of Extraordinary Ability granted to him by the United States Government on the basis of the pioneering and trailblazing nature of his works with parents, children and leading local and international organizations like UNICEF, the British Council, SOS Children's Village International and many others on Securing A Friendly and Protective Environment® for the precious African Children in the last 21 years. His operations today cut across Africa and the United States of America.

Notable Appearance on One on One on Nigerian Television Authority (www.nta.ng):

On April 4, 2000, Taiwo AKINLAMI appeared on One on One as the youngest person to have been interviewed on the show as at that time to a viewership of over 30 million Nigerians on the multiple networks of Television Stations of the Nigerian Television Authority. One on One is today referred to as 'Nigeria's foremost LIVE TV talk show

running for the past 20 years and counting.' It is 55 minutes of groundbreaking interviews, engaging in a critical examination and core analysis of happenings and developments in Nigeria with renowned experts, captains of Industry and sector professionals, unfolding insights into diverse issues and covering sectors of all sorts from the Economy, Energy, Health, Agriculture, Politics, Family Life etc.

Founder & Faculty Member:

Securing a Friendly and Protective Environment™ for Children Academy **2013**- Date *with* over 500 memberships of Primary and Secondary caregivers

Founder, Faculty Member & Leader Facilitator:

Securing A Friendly and Protective Environment for Children Boot camp, Judging the projects works of over 30 professionals

Project Showcase EMEA Child Safety Summit 2017, organized by Google and Facebook:

The Child Protection, Securing A Friendly and Protective Environment™ for Children and Family Strengthening Projects of Taiwo AKINLAMI was showcased during the Project Showcase Session of Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA) Child Safety Summit 2017 in Dublin, hosted by Google and Facebook, where he made a presentation to the participants and contributors, which included academics, NGOs, politicians, Facebookers and Googlers to share knowledge from research, products and some fascinating experiences and projects around digital safety.

Contents and Intellectual Property Owner:

Taiwo AKINLAMI owns the contents and intellectual property (copyright and trademarks) to over 43 titles of works (printed and audio books and e-books) in the areas of Child Protection, Securing A Friendly and Protective Environment™ for Children and Family Strengthening, which are being used by over 50,000 parents and other caregivers and 20,000 young people.

Bibliography:

Taiwo AKINLAMI's Bibliography (1988-2022): This is 305 pages of compilation of references to the published works (articles, papers, press interview) of Taiwo AKINLAMI, published and broadcast in notable national newspapers and journals in Nigeria and available for download at www.taiwoakinlami.com.

UNICEF Consultancy and Curriculum Development:

Engaged by UNICEF as a Legal Adviser, research officer, responsible for research, collation, documentations and drafting of Committee charged with the responsibility of

mainstreaming Children Rights Education into the curriculum of the Nigerian Institute of Journalism (2006 to 2009)

Child Protection State Consultant:

Engaged by UNICEF and UNFPA to lead statewide research on Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting Situation Assessment Situation Assessment/Analysis (including Knowledge, Attitude & Practice on Social Norms around FGM/C and baseline prevalence of this practice Ekiti State, Nigeria (2014 to 2017) and wrote a comprehensive report on the finding of the research

Pioneer Subject Matter Blogger:

Taiwo AKINLAMI writes an insightful, researched based and African-sensitive blog, the first of its kind in Nigeria and arguably Africa, aimed at equipping parents, other caregivers, policy makers, subject matter experts, researchers, students and children with knowledge, skill and attitude regarding the subject matter of **Child Protection, Securing A Friendly and Protective Environment™ for Children and Family Strengthening**. The blog which began in 2012 has featured as at today 930 (nine hundred and thirty) posts, viewed by 116,000(One hundred and sixteen thousand), visited by 43000(forty-three thousand) visitors from over 143(one hundred and forty-three) countries of the world.

Author and Publisher:

On November 20, 2017, to mark the World Children's Day, Taiwo AKINLAMI and his team of experts and volunteers presented to the stakeholders and members of the public two (2) S.A.F.E® Instructional materials, containing, **The I'M DSMARTTESST™ Way**, our Value-Based response to the clarion call by Sections 19 & 20 of the Child's Rights Act, 2003 stating the responsibilities of our precious children to themselves, their immediate family and society at large and **S.A.F.E™ 4 YOU: 125 Daily TIPS**, designed to empower Children/Teenager from all forms of abuse (physical, sexual, emotional and neglect. The 2(two) Instructional Materials are close to 900 pages in all.

Lead Consultant/Content Developer/Trainer for the British Council/Premier Skills Project, 2014/2015:

Taiwo AKINLAMI worked with the British Council on the Premier Skills Project executed in conjunction UK-based Premier League and Lagos Football League Association with the following major tasks accomplished:

- ✓ Development of 12 Modules of Child's Rights/Child Protection Empowerment Training Manual for be disseminated for 12 weeks for one hour, thirty minutes weekly (including developing session plans and materials), broadly based around girls empowerment, in football, in Nigeria, from a Child Right/Child Protection perspective, with each week being a different thematic area (but an overall integrated package) (2014)

- ✓ To take decision on and develop table of contents on the topics to be taught, but could include issues such as identify/confidence, inclusions, disability, specific identified rights (e.g. education), child protection / keeping children safe etc.(2014)
- ✓ Development of 12 modules of Instruction Manual for Train the Trainer for coaches, based on the 12 modules of Child's Rights/Child Protection Empowerment Training Manual (2014)
- ✓ Delivering (training/facilitation) a 2-day Train the Trainer program for coaches from the 6(six) educational districts in Lagos State, based on the 12 modules of Child's Rights/Child Protection Empowerment Training Manual, focusing on the thematic contents of Training Manual and sharing fundamental and contemporary methodologies for the effective dissemination of same to the children/participants (2014 & 2015)

Curriculum Development and Training for the Child Protection Component of the Goodman Family Strengthening Project for SOS Children's Village, Nigeria:

Engaged to develop curriculum and delivering same to diverse audiences including parents, teachers, children, members of Child Protection Committee and all, other stakeholders in the Isolo, Ilasamaja and Ajao Estate areas of Lagos, covering Securing A Friendly and Protective Environment™ for Children, Positive Child Discipline, Case Management and other areas of concerns. (2018-2019)

Highlights of Public Service/Community Engagements:

COVID-19 Pandemic Social Interventions

From April 22, 2020, to date, Taiwo Akinlami has led his team to execute critical Social Interventions, aimed at helping primary and secondary parents/caregivers to embrace and inculcate Best Practice in their parenting efforts, including Securing A Friendly and Protective Environment® and also helping children and young people to accept, understand and play their inevitable roles in their Personal Safety and Self-Protection; the social intervention and their impacts are as follows:

1. 11(eleven) webinars, 2(two) weekly broadcasts, namely, Read 2 S.A.F. E® (34 editions) and Power Parenting® Weekly (35 episodes), hosting 72(seventy-two) distinguished guests/thought leaders from within and outside Nigeria;
2. published 2(two) E-books, namely Securing A Friendly and Protective Environment® for Children in the COVID-19 Era Handbook and E-S.A.F. E® Manual (123 pages researched and practical guide for parents and children as they engage online);
3. Launched the League of Greatness Club for children to help our precious children deal with the boredom of the lockdown because of COVID-19 Pandemic

4. Reached over 20,000 families and 2,000 children and young people directly

Delegate

1. **UN Migration and the European Union for Migrant Protection and Reintegration:** 3 day meeting on enhancing the capacity of Child Protection Stakeholders on Case Management and Family Tracking and Reunification (FTR) of Migrant Children as part of the Joint Initiative of the UN Migration and the European Union for Migrant Protection and Reintegration(September 2020)
2. **Global Rights:** leadership participation at a one-day convening to determine what civil society's strategic interventions should be against the provisions of the amended Companies and Allied Matters Act that constrict Nigeria's civic space (November 2020)

Reviewer

Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Team of the Ministry of Justice, Lagos State: Taiwo Akinlami as a Subject Matter Expert is participating in the review of the **Lagos State Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy**, which came into force in December 16, 2020, working with the Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Team of the Ministry of Justice, Lagos State (September 2020)

Contributor, Reviewer and Validator

Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Agency (DSVRA) of the Ministry of Justice Lagos State and the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC) of the British Council: worked as a Subject Matter Expert playing key roles of a contributor, reviewer and validator for the Review and Validation of the state-wide Standard Operating Protocol for Non-Governmental Organizations and Government Agencies responding to and providing support to persons affected by Child Sexual Abuse, Sexual, Domestic and Gender Based Violence in Lagos State(August 2020)

Facilitator

1. **Domestic and Sexual Violence Team of the Ministry of Justice, Lagos State and Office of Education Quality Assurance, Lagos State: Safeguarding and Child Children Online Certificate Course:** Taiwo Akinlami is a facilitator for Safeguarding and Child Children Online Certificate Course of the Domestic and Sexual Violence Team of the Ministry of Justice, Lagos State and Office of Education Quality Assurance, Lagos State. This is a certificate course, first of its kind in Lagos State and arguably Nigeria on introduction to Safeguarding and Child Protection for anyone that works with children and young people in Lagos, Nigeria. The course,

launched in July has been taken by over **15,000** practitioners (July 2020)
<https://safeguardingchildren.org.ng/>

2. Women in NBC Network (WINN) (ng.coca-colahellenic.com)

Taiwo Akinlami facilitated a session on the role of Working Women in Child Protection at the 2019 first anniversary of the Women in NBC Network (WINN). WINN is a network of women working with Nigerian Bottling Company (NBC), a beverage firm founded in 1951, which is part of Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Company and owns the franchise bottler of Coca-Cola Fanta, Sprite, Schweppes, Ginger Ale, Limca, Krest, Parle Soda and Five Alive (August 2019)

3. EDU-AID (www.edu-aid.org)

The Lagos Teachers Conference is the largest gathering of over 10,000 teachers in Nigeria and arguably Africa. It debuted in 2017 and Taiwo Akinlami was invited as a keynote speaker to the first edition and facilitated at the subsequent editions to discuss with teachers their roles in Child Protection as secondary caregivers (2017-2019).

4. British Council: Facilitated the British Council's first ever Child Protection Awareness Program in Nigeria, organized for school counselors and other stakeholders, held on March 24, 2016 in the company of Ms. Andrea Watkins, (the then Interim Regional Child Protection Manager for Middle-East and North Africa (MENA) and Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) Regions).(2016)

5. Activate Youth Camp (www.anniesplace.org)

In the last 5 years, Taiwo Akinlami has been a volunteer facilitator and mentor at the Activate Youth Camp, which runs annually for 7 days and is opened largely to children and young people from underserved and indigent communities in Nigeria. He offers the children and other mentors Child Protection training, helping them to make the best of the camp meeting experience. Activate Youth camp has run for 7 years without charge to over 2,000 young people, who have been reached (2015-date).

Panelist:

Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) (www.nbaconference.com)

Having distinguished himself as a public interest legal practitioner in the area of Child Protection and Family Strengthening, Taiwo Akinlami was invited as a panelist to one of the sessions on Family Law Dynamics and 21st Century Realities at the 2019 National Conference. The National Conference of the Nigerian Bar Association is a gathering of over 12,000 lawyers in Nigeria and observers all over the world and has been widely adjudged the largest gathering of lawyers in Africa (2019)

Mentor:

Ministry of Justice, Lagos State Government: The King's Club Project of the Lagos State Government, executed by the Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Team of

Lagos State under the Ministry of Justice, Lagos State; the club exists to empower secondary school male students to understand gender equality and promote positive masculinity and stem the tide of Domestic Violence in Lagos State and Nigeria(2019).

Membership Child's Rights Law of Lagos State Review Professional:

Subject Matter Expert engaged by the Lagos State Ministry of Justice to review the Child's Rights Law of Lagos State, promulgated in 2007, amended in 2015 and being reviewed for amendment in 2018/2019. (2019)

Technical Reviewer of National Policy and Implementation Guidelines on Violence Free Schools for Children in Nigeria:

UNICEF and the Federal Ministry of Education, Nigeria engaged Mr. Akinlami to provide technical review to the **National Policy and Implementation Guidelines on Violence Free Schools for Children in Nigeria**. The policy and guidelines are national documents to be used by all the private and public schools in Nigeria (September 2019).

Advisor

Sterling Bank PLC (www.sterling.ng) Parenting Series: Taiwo Akinlami served as an advisor to the Parenting Series of the Sterling Bank PLC, which holds quarterly and made inputs and offer professional advice same, having participated as facilitator at the Series 3 of the program on Saturday, March 12, 2016 with the theme: 'Picking the Right School for Your Child.'(2016)

Consultant/Facilitator

TEACHFORNIGERIA (www.teachfornigeria.org): Taiwo Akinlami facilitates Child Protection trainings for the fellows of TEACHFORNIGERIA in the last 3 years, developed a Child Protection Policy for the organization and grants annual scholarships to Fellows to attend his annual S.A.F.E For Children Bootcamp. The Teach For Nigeria is an international organisation, which 'model is based on the proven success of 40 country organizations including Teach For America, Teach First UK, Teach For Ghana, Teach For Bangladesh, Teach For Nepal and Teach For India, who are all part of the Teach For All network. (www.teachforall.org)'(2017-date)

Judge and Validator:

UNICEF: Invited as a Subject Matter Expert in the area of Child Protection and Family Strengthening to join other leading experts to judge and validate for public use the report on Understanding the Drivers of Violence affecting Children in Nigeria, funded by USAID, European Union (EU), UN Women and UNICEF and cited as *'The Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development (FMWASD), the University of Edinburgh (UoE), Viable Knowledge Masters (VKM) and the United Nations Children's Fund Nigeria (UNICEF Nigeria); the Drivers of Violence Affecting Children in Nigeria: Systematic*

Review, Interventions Mapping and Secondary Data Analysis, Abuja: FMWASD and UNICEF, 2018.'

Subject Matter Expert Contributor:

Ministry of Justice, Lagos State Government: Overcoming Sexual & Gender Based Violence: Lagos State Experience Journal: Overcoming Challenges through Multi-Disciplinary Approach; contributed a paper, titled, '*Understanding Our Culture and Societal Perceptions To Sexual and Gender-Based Violence*,' published by Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Team(DSVRT), under the Ministry of Justice, Lagos State(2017).

Subject Matter Expert (SME) on the Lagos State Sub-Committee on Child Protection:

Ministry of Justice, Lagos State Government: The Sub-Committee was saddled with the responsibility of developing a universal Child Protection System for the Lagos State Government and same is codified into a Child Protection Policy to be adopted by over 30,000 Child-Focused Organizations in Lagos State. The effort of the Sub-committee culminated in the emergence of a Child Protection System/Policy for Lagos State Government (the first of its kind in Nigeria) and was backed by an Executive Order, signed on December 16, 2016, by His Excellency, Mr. Akinwunmi AMBODE, the immediate past Executive Governor of Lagos State. (2016)

Committee Membership

Lagos State Technical Working Group on Violence Against Children

Taiwo Akinlami served on the Media and Advocacy Committee of the Lagos State Technical Working Group on Violence Against Children, saddled with the responsible of securing the buy-in of members of the public to the message to End Violence Against Children in Lagos State, culminating in the launching of the Year of Action to End Violence Against Children in Lagos State on Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

Independent Listener

Grange Schools, Lagos: As a reputable member of his society and community and Subject Matter Expert in the area of Child Protection and Family Strengthening, Taiwo Akinlami was appointed an Independent Listener to Grange School, one of the leading secondary schools in Nigeria, which has existed for over 5 decades. He played the role of a confidant and counselor as a visitor to the boarding students of the institution of learning on the subject matter of Child Protection (2014)

Co-Founding Consultant of Child Protection Network (CPN)

Child Protection Network is the biggest coalition of state and non-state organizations, which is today in the forefront of protecting the precious Nigerian children from all forms of abuse and lead the largest response interventions to abuse in Nigeria and arguably Africa. It is an initiative of UNICEF existing in the 36 states of Nigeria. Taiwo Akinlami

was engaged by UNICEF as one of the founding consultants for the Child Protection Network in Nigeria (2010).

Newspaper Columnist:

- 1. New Telegraph Newspaper (www.newtelegraphng.com):** Akinlami wrote a minimum of 31 articles as a regular columnist for The New Telegraph newspaper, an all-national newspaper in Nigeria, with a circulation of up to 100,000 copies per day with huge online presence on the subject matter of Child's Rights/Child Protection and Family Strengthening (2016). *The references to the articles are found on pages 50-54 of the Taiwo AKINLAMI's Bibliography (1988-2019) (www.taiwoakinlami.com)*
- 2. Vanguard Newspaper (www.vanguardngr.com):** Akinlami wrote a minimum of 25 articles as a columnist for Vanguard Newspaper, a leading national newspaper in Nigeria established since 1993 with outstanding local, international and online reach. His column known as 'Right's Talk' was written for the children audience of the newspaper to help them understand their inevitable roles in their Personal Safety and Self-Protection (2012). *The references to the articles are found on pages 41-44 of the Taiwo AKINLAMI's Bibliography (1988-2019) (www.taiwoakinlami.com)*
- 3. Businessday Newspaper (www.businessday.ng):** Taiwo Akinlami wrote a minimum of 25 articles as a regular columnist for Businessday Newspaper with very huge national, international and online followership as the only Nigerian newspaper with a bureau in Accra, Ghana on the subject matter of Child's Rights/Child Protection and Family Strengthening (2008-2011). *The references to the articles are found on pages 39-44 of the Taiwo AKINLAMI's Bibliography (1988-2019) (www.taiwoakinlami.com)*
- 4. Daily Independent Newspaper (www.independent.ng):** Taiwo AKINLAMI pioneered Child's Rights Column in Law Journal in Nigeria with his weekly column, known as Children's Rights with Taiwo Akinlami in the Law Journal, **Daily Independent Newspaper** one of the leading national newspapers in Nigeria with a daily print run of over 100,000 copies (with rich online presence), publishing a total of 52 articles, pioneering and expanding the frontiers of Child's Rights, Protection and Family Strengthening in Nigeria and Africa, bringing same to the front burner of private and public conscience and consciousness. (2003-2004). *The references to the articles are found on pages 7-11 of the Taiwo AKINLAMI's Bibliography (1988-2019) (www.taiwoakinlami.com)*

Convener:

- 1. Annual S.A.F.E™VILLE Conference:** a pioneer Conference for Children in Nigeria, helping them to understand their roles in their Personal Safety and

Self-Protection and it is held annually in Nigeria on November 20 to commemorate the promulgation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989. It is held annually and has in the last 3 years attracted over 10,000 children and primary and secondary caregivers (2017-date)

- 2. Women Working with Children Conference and Townhall Meeting:** hosting over 5,000 women, this annual conference, which debuted in 2019 and held online in 2020 seeks to empower women in general and those working with children as primary and secondary parents to rise above the waters of limitations in the society and achieve their best in every sphere of life. The Townhall meeting held to mark the end the 16 days Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.
- 3. Taiwo AKINLAMI Masterclass:** an industry leader, Taiwo Akinlami since 2017 has hosted close to 1,000 professionals in the areas of Securing A Friendly and Protective Environment™ on how to make the best of their journey to make difference in the lives of families and their precious children.

Engagement with Faith Based Organizations

- 1. The Fountain of Life Church (www.tfolc.org):** Taiwo Akinlami serves as the Secretary to the Board of Trustees of The Fountain of Life Church, an over 7,000 congregation local assembly, which began in 1992 and it is today one of the leading Christian church in Nigeria. Before his appointment as the Secretary to the Board of Trustees, he served in Children and Teenage departments of the church for years (2017-date).
- 2. Discovery for Men (www.discoveryformen.org):** Taiwo Akinlami serves as the Commissioner for Commissioner for Legal/Vision Alignment and Collaboration for Discovery for Men Ministry and runs the secretariat of the ministry. Discovery for Men is a Christian Ministry dedicated to helping men to effectively play their roles of leadership and sustainer in the homes and society at large. Discovery for Men, which began 1997 is a leading men ministry in Nigeria and has since Sunday, April 19, 1997, when the first rally was held and today, over fifty-four thousand men have been hosted and the rally has been adjudged the largest gathering of men in Nigeria and arguably Africa. (2017-date)

Consultancy Engagements:

Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC) of the British Council (2019-Date)

- Consultancy:** Support capacity of the Child Protection Network members, Lagos State, an initiative of UNICEF to engage in results - focused advocacy planning and implementation (May-August 2020)

- **Facilitation: Delivering a paper, titled, 'Tailoring Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs) and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence(SGBV) Response Protocols for Men and Boys Priority of Actions that can be taken towards response services' at a 3 day Program held in Abuja as Part of the HerStoryOurStory Campaign Against Sexual And Gender Based Violence.**

UNICEF (2005-Date)

Responsibilities/Assignments:

Program Facilitation/Coordination

1. **Contents Developer & Trainer** at the UNICEF's Orientation Workshop for Child Broadcasters, Children's Programme Producers and Children Page Editors on Child's Rights Act, (2005-2007).
2. **Trainer** in the Street Children Rehabilitation Program (2006 to Date).
3. **Mediator** in reconciling rehabilitated street children to their parents/guardians, (2006 to date)
4. **Reviewer**, UNICEF State of the World's Children, 2007
5. **Contributor** to the group of professionals contacted by UNICEF. Abuja to develop a legal framework on Children in Conflict with the Law (2007 to 2008)
6. **Contents Developer & Trainer** for the Youth as Agents of Change Empowerment Program and related programs (2006 -Date).
7. **Contents Provider & Trainer** for the Capacity Building Workshop for the Organized Social Works Society (NGOs, FBOs, CDAs CSOs etc) on Child Participation Right (2009 -Date).
8. **Contributor** at the group of professionals set up by UNICEF B Field Office to develop an action framework for the Street Children Project in Lagos State (2010).
9. **Contents Provider & Trainer/Facilitator** of Child Protection Sensitization Training for the Nigerian Police organized by the Child Protection Network in conjunction with UNICEF B Field Office and Specialized Police Unit(2013)
10. **Contents Provider & Trainer/Facilitator** of the capacity building for School Leaders and Teachers in the states (Delta, Edo, Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Osun and Oyo) under the B Field Office of UNICEF (2012), disseminating among other programs, The TeacherFIRE™ Revolution.

11. **Contents Provider & Trainer** at the Training of Child Protection Network members on the Legal Framework and Social Essentials of Child Protection (2010-date).
12. **Contributor/Facilitator and Representative** of the Child Protection Network, Lagos State at the brainstorming meeting on Justice Sector Reforms addressing Child Justice System and other matters relating to the protection of children for Bayelsa, Cross Rivers and Lagos States, organised by UNICEF, EU and UNODC (2014)
13. **Contributor/Facilitator** at workshop on the Review and Validation of Prisons' Training Manual on Child Justice System, under the Justice Sector Reforms Program in Nigeria of UNICEF, EU and UNODC(2014)
14. **Contributor/Facilitator** on the Conference on Child Rights Draft Adjudication Guidelines for Child Offenders under the Justice Sector Reforms program of Nigerian Law Reform Commission, UNICEF, EU and UNODC (2014).
15. **Member**, Steering Committee Lagos State on Violence Against Children to see to the implementation of the 2014 Reports on Violence Against Children, sponsored by the **European Union, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), USAID, Together For Girls, UNICEF, National Population Commission and Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development** (2016)

Projects:

1. **Contents Development, Training & Facilitation:** Working with the Child Protection Specialist of the B Field Office of UNICEF to establish and inaugurate Child Protection Networks in the B Field states and develop curriculum and train members of the Child Protection Networks and monitor progress of the established networks(2010-2013)
2. **Consultancy Research and Facilitation:** Child and Family Welfare System Mapping (2012), jointly undertaken by UNICEF, Hope Worldwide, USAID and the Lagos State Government (2012).

British Council (2013-Date) Responsibilities/Assignments:

Program Facilitation/Coordination

Validated Facilitator of the Connecting Classroom British Council School Leadership Program (2013 to Date) where the following courses are taught, among others:

1. Child Protection within the School System
2. Creating and Communicating a Vision
3. Managing and Leading Change

4. Developing Staff and Distributed Leadership
5. Planning, Monitoring, Evaluating & Reviewing and Self-evaluation
6. Understanding Staff Motivation
7. Leading on Effective Behaviour Management
8. Developing Inclusive Schools and Classrooms
9. Leading on happiness and well-being in schools
10. Building a Great Culture
11. Student Leadership

Program Facilitation/Coordination

Validated Facilitator of the Connecting Classroom British Council Core Skills and Competences Program (2016 to Date) where the following courses are taught:

1. Leading Core Skills
2. Student Leadership and Personal Development
3. Collaboration and Communication
4. Creativity and Imagination
5. Citizenship
6. Digital Literacy
7. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Program Facilitation/Coordination

Validated Facilitator of the Child Protection component of the Core Skills and Competences Program (2016 to Date)

Projects

1. **Monitoring and Evaluation for Premier Skills School Clubs in Lagos and Kano:** developing tools for the Child Protection component of the M & E of the Premier Skills Schools Club, administering same, writing and submitting a report to the British Council(2019)
2. **British Council/Premier Skill Child Protection training for Coaches:** provided local contents and co-facilitated Child Protection training for Coaches of the Premier Skills Schools Clubs(2016)
3. **Fast Forward Program 2016**
Consultant/Trainer to the **British Council, to provide Child Protection Contents on The Fast Forward Project** funded by the **MacArthur Foundation**, a pilot research action project which has been designed to test out a model for teaching employability skills and providing work-based learning opportunities to secondary school students to better prepare them for work as the 21st century skills that Nigeria needs for its future (2016-Date): The following were accomplished:
 - ✓ Development of 4(four) Modules of Child's Rights/Child Protection Empowerment Training Manual on the roles of school leaders and teachers as secondary caregivers in Child Protection by embracing Systems Approach to Child Protection. (2016)

- ✓ The Developed Modules were disseminated for 3 days to 300(three hundred) school leaders and teachers, selected from 3(three) states in Nigeria, namely Lagos, Cross Rivers and Rivers. The participants from each state were trained on location(2016)
- ✓ Development of 4(four) Modules of Child's Rights/Child Protection Empowerment Training Manual on the roles of corporate bodies and their staff as secondary caregivers in Child Protection by embracing Systems Approach to Child Protection. (2017)
- ✓ The Developed Modules to be disseminated for 3 days to representatives of corporate bodies selected from 3(three) states in Nigeria, namely Lagos, Cross Rivers and Rivers. The participants from each state are to trained on location(2017)

SOS Children Villages Nigeria (2013-Date) Responsibilities/Assignments:

Projects

1. **Contents Development:** Development of 3 Modules curriculum for a Train the Trainer Training Program on Child-Friendly/Child Protection Sensitive Alternative Disciplinary Measures for the Public School Teachers and members/leadership School Based Management Committee (SBMC) in helping the implementation of the Lagos State policy against Corporal Punishment in Public Schools (2013-Date).
2. **Delivery (Training/Facilitation)** of the 3 Modules curriculum for a Train the Trainer Training Program on Child-Friendly/Child Protection Sensitive Alternative Disciplinary Measures for the Public School Teachers and members/leadership School Based Management Committee (SBMC) in helping the implementation of the Lagos State policy against Corporal Punishment in Public Schools(2013-Date).

AGDC Employability & Enterprise LTD/GTE (2010-2015)

Responsibilities/Assignments:

Contents Provider and Facilitator for the Following Programs:

Project

1. **International Youth Foundation Samsung Real Dreams
Content Development and Training:** Develop curriculum and delivery (training/facilitation) on Negotiation and Conflict Management.in Business
2. **Lagos Ignite Employability and Enterprise
Content Development and Training:** Develop curriculum and delivery (training/facilitation) on Law and Entrepreneurship and Conflict Management in Business

Lagos Empowerment and Resource Network (L.E.A.R.N) (2010-Date)

Responsibilities/Assignments:

Projects

1. **Contents Development & Training:** Developing curriculum and delivery (training/facilitation) of Child Protection Train the Trainer Program to over 900(nine hundred) public school teachers from the 6(six) educational districts in Lagos State (2010-2013).
2. **Contents Development & Training:** Developing curriculum on Child Rights, Self-Protection and Personal Social Responsibilities disseminated by 22(twenty-two) volunteers to over 1,800 (one thousand, eight hundred) public school pupils during her annual summer school program (2014).

The Lagos State Government Responsibilities/Assignment:

1. **Contents Provider and Trainer to the Lagos State Ministry of Youth and Social Development:** Development of Child Rights/Protection and Family Strengthening Contents and Dissemination of same to adoptive parents under the adoption/fostering program of the Lagos State Government (2012-Date)
2. **Subject Matter Expert (SME) to the Lagos State Sub-Committee on the implementation of the Lagos State Safeguarding and Child Protection Program,** backed by the Executive Order of December 16, 2016. (2017-Date)

OSC Limited (2003-2019) Responsibilities/Assignments:

1. **Legal Research and Drafting:** Legal drafting, researching and writing legal opinion and general legal advice including matters of internal and external communications; human resource issues;
2. **Research and Development:** Being a knowledge company involved in Total Life Management Training and Consulting, my brief include research and development, particularly as it relates to the standard of living in the Third World and responses or reaction of the citizen thereto;
3. **Managing compliance with Regulatory Bodies:** Initiating relationship with and ensuring compliance with regulatory bodies like Corporate Affairs Commission (C.A.C), Federal Inland Revenue (F.I.R), Standard Organization Of Nigeria (S.O.N), Copyright Commission, Trademark Registry etc.;
4. **Collaboration/ Negotiations/Dispute Resolution:** Representing the company in business and collaborative efforts negotiations of the company, scrutinizing, interpreting and advising on contract and collaboration documents, advice on Alternative Dispute Resolution;

5. **Trainer:** Facilitates Induction Program and In-House Trainings of the company where he trains on Negotiation, Law and Entrepreneurship, Basic Office Culture, Effective Business Communication, and Running an Effective Meeting for Results.

Employment History:

From: 2011 To: Date

Employer: **Taiwo Akinlami Academy**

Position Held: **Founder, Principal & Lead Facilitator**

Responsibilities/Assignments:

1. **Leadership:** Providing leadership for the organization
2. **Vision Custodianship:** Teaching the vision, mission and core values of the organization and keeping inspiration alive
3. **Research and Development:** Initiating and leading research into Child Rights/Protection and the local and international laws governing for the purposes of social and legal intervention for individuals and organizations and programs and products development
4. **Facilitation:** Leading Facilitation of in-house and external programs
5. **Networking and Collaboration:** Networking with organizations of like passion and mission to create formidable partnership, which will help us in the acceleration of the achievement of our primary vision, which is to inspire genuine change in every area of human endeavour.

From: 2000 To: Date

Employer: **Gilgal Partners**

Position Held: **Founder and Principal Partner**

Responsibilities/Assignments:

1. **Law Office Management:** Personnel management and development in line with the rules of professional ethics, monitoring solicitors accounts, day to day administration including caseload management and scheduling, maintenance of brand visibility, development of client network;
2. **Child's Rights Advocacy/Training:** pursues with a single-minded focus the commitment to Social Empowerment Advocacy™ aimed at bringing to the first burner of private and public consciousness (for due respect) the rights and responsibilities of the Nigerian Child.
3. **Legal Consultancy:** Research and presentation/publication of various practical aspects of humanitarian law (particularly Children's Rights), business law, and the law as it affects small and medium size enterprises, creation of contractual obligations, nature and termination thereof; statistical research into small businesses, surveys and analyses of data gathered on small business.

4. **Solicitorship:** Incorporation of companies and registration of company names, research and drafting of legal opinions, conveyancing, conducting land searches, trademarks and patent registration, business name registration.
5. **Negotiation and Alternative Dispute Resolution-** mediation, conciliation, arbitration and out of court settlement negotiations.

From: 2001 To: 2003

Employer: **Nigerian Law Publications**

Position Held (on part time basis): **Assistant Editor**

Responsibilities/Assignment:

1. **Membership of Editorial Board:** High-level decision-making on editorial content, quality control and meeting of publication deadlines and judging the works of reporters
2. **Proofreading:** Proofreading of reports and final print-out before publication
3. **Law Reporting and Research:** Interpretation of the judgment of the court with a view to breaking it down into necessary components (*ratio/obiter*) to aids legal practitioners and judges in the prosecution of cases in court and researching compliance or departure from existing legal authorities and citations.

Trainings/Skills Acquisition Track Record:

1. **Child Protection System Training**, organized by UNICEF, 2016
2. **The British Council Connecting Classrooms Core Skill and Competences Facilitators Refresher Training**, organized by **British Council**, held at Kenya(2016)
3. **The British Council Connecting Classrooms Core Skill and Competences Facilitators Training**, organized by **British Council**, held at South Africa(2016)
4. **The British Council Connecting Classrooms School Leadership Facilitators Refresher Training**, organized by **British Council**, held at South Africa (2014)
5. **The British Council Child Protection Awareness e-learning Course** (2014)
6. **The British Council Child Protection Focal Point e-learning Course** (2014)
7. **Children Protection In Emergency Training**, conducted by UNICEF (2013)
8. **Child Safeguarding Training**, conducted by UK-based Keeping Children Safe and sponsored by UNICEF (2013)

9. **The British Council Connecting Classrooms School Leadership Training of Trainers Workshop**, organized by **The British Council**, held at Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (2013).
10. **Child Protection Network Training** on Child Rights Monitoring and Documentation, conducted by the United-Kingdom based **Bar Human Rights Committee (BHRC)** (2012).
11. **Training on Systems Approach to Child Protection Issues**, conducted by **Child Frontiers**, leading Child Protection Consultants and Trainers, based in Hong Kong (2012)
12. **Communication for Development (C4D)** Capacity Building Workshop for **UNICEF** and Programming Partners (2011).
13. **Stakeholders' Training on Gender-Based Violence (GBV)**, organized by **Project Alert** (2010).
14. **Training the Trainer Program on the effective dissemination of Children Rights Education** to the institutions of higher learning, organized by **UNICEF** (2009).
15. **National Seminar on the Development of Rural Infrastructure**, organized by **Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development** in Collaboration with **Allied Bond Consulting** (2006).
16. **Entrepreneurial Seminar Series** organized by **Fate Foundation** (2003).
17. **Training on Alternative Dispute Resolution** organized by **LEDAP** (2003).
18. **Law Reporting Training** organised by the **Nigerian Law Publications, Publisher of the Nigerian Weekly Law Reports** (2002).
19. **Conference on Domestic Violence**, organized by **African Women Lawyers Association** Forum, held at Labadi Beach Hotel, Accra, Ghana, between 18th and 19th, May, (2000).

Other Newspaper/Online Columns:

1. **SmartYouthCREED™**, published weekly on www.passnownow.com (2014)
2. The Law and Your Business, The Entrepreneur, **Daily Independent** (2005-2008, 2013).
3. **Children's Rights** with Taiwo Akinlami, **Daily Times**, (2007)
4. **Law and Small Business** with Taiwo Akinlami, The Entrepreneur Today, **BusinessDay** (2004-2008).
5. **Children Rights**, Law & Human Rights, **Vanguard** (2005)

Published Works:

1. S.A.F.E™VILLE Monthly Comic for Teenagers (2019)
2. S.A.F.E™ for Children Instructional Manual
3. Show Up, Stand Out, Show Off: A Value-Based Manual for Child & Young Adult
4. Participation Rights: Respect for the Right of the Child To Be Heard: 16 Irrefutable Facts You Must Identify, Execute and Uphold! -A Handbook
5. Protection Rights: 20 Tested Nuggets on How to Protect Your Child's Life-A Handbook
6. **Protection Rights:** 20 Tips on How to Safeguard Your Girl Child from Sexual Abuse-A Handbook
7. **Developmental Rights:** Unveiling 41 Timeless Facts and 31 Biographical Analyses About the Teacher as a Social Worker-A Handbook
8. **CHILDPLUS™:** The-Best-Interest-of-the-Child ACRONYMS
9. **ABC of Child Protection...***An Inevitable Awareness/Enlightenment Program for Effective and Responsible Primary and Secondary Caregivers-An Audio Book*
10. **Child-Friendly Thinking:** *12 Global and Contemporary Factors Every Primary (Parents/Guardians) and Secondary (Schools & Child-Focused Organisations) Caregivers MUST DISCOVER and ADOPT to make a DIFFERENCE in the lives of their Children at all TIME-An Audio Book*
11. **Child Protection from Abuses:** *The Role of Vigilant Parents-An Audio Book*
12. **ChildProtetctionCREED™:** *Protection Tips for Informed Caregivers-An Audio Book*
13. **Stories, Senses and Stones:** *Abused Childhood, Transformed Adulthood – An Audio Book*
14. **CHILDPLUS™:** *THE BEST-INTEREST-OF-THE-CHILD CONSTITUTION -An Audio Book*
15. The TeacherFIRE™ Revolution- *An Audio Book*
16. **I'm D-SMARTTEESST™-** *A Young People's Guide to a Value-Based Personal, Family and Societal Transformation-An Audio Book*
17. 12 Attributes of a Child-Friendly Workplace- *An Audio book*
18. 15 Facts to Consider Before you Register your Child in a School- *An Audio book*
19. Child Protection: Teaching Basic Key Household Practices Skills-An *Audio book*
20. **Child's Rights and Discipline:** *The Uncommon Theory- An Audio Book*

21. **So You Want To Send Your Child To A Boarding School?** Ask These 11 Fundamental Child Protection-Focused Questions
22. **So You Want to Send Your Child to the Children's Department of Your Place of Worship?** Ask these Ten (10) Child Protection Focused Questions-An Audio Book
23. **The Social Science of Rights-Based Communication™** : Teaching the 18 Inevitable & Tested Commandments of Rights-Based Communication with Children-An Audio Book
24. **i-Protect:** Intelligence of Child Protection: *Learning the Intelligence of Child*
25. *Protection: Profiling Abusers, Detecting Red Flags & Preventing/Responding to Abuses-An Audio Book*
26. **DISABILITY or THISABILITY:** Understanding the MYTH and REALITY of Differently ABLED Children and their need for PROTECTION-An Audio Book
27. *You, Your Child and the Media...10 Fundamental Principles to Carefully-An Audio Book*
28. *Nutrition...Hygiene...Child Protection...Connecting the necessary dots-A Video Book*
29. *Building an Enduring Childhood Protection & Preservation Culture in Africa: Mind Your Language-Audio Program*
30. **A Child or a House Help:** *Exploring the Foundational and Child Protection Issues Before Hiring Domestic Staff-Audio Book*
31. **Child Protection and Preparation for Marriage:** *Fundamental Issues Couples MUST Consider before marriage to achieve raising protected children-Audio Book*
32. *A Strengthened Family, The Foundation To Child Protection-Audio Book*
33. **Internally Displaced Persons/Children (IDPs):** *3 Most Destructive Doctrines against the Humanity of the Child, You Must NEVER Embrace- Audio Book*
34. **Value-Based Discipline:** *Preparing our Precious Children for the Real World from age 4-18 and Teaching them Life & Soft Skills as the true definition of Discipline: FUNDAMENTAL CHECKLISTS to employ-Audio Book*
35. **Rediscovered Citizenship™** : **YOU, Your WORLD, Your SOCIAL CAUSE, Your CROSS & TESTED KEYS to EFFECTIVE RESPONSE & ENDURING PRODUCTIVITY-Audio Book**
36. **The LAW & The SPIRIT of ENTERPRISE:** *Learning the Legal Basics of Establishing and Growing Sustainable SME, Social Businesses & Not-For-Profit Initiatives-Audio Book*
37. *Global Movement for Children: The Cry of the Nigerian Child- E-Book (available as free download on www.taiwoakinlami.com)*

38. Child Rights' to Life Handbook - E-Book (available as free download on www.taiwoakinlami.com)
39. Child's Rights: Reading the Mind of Adeife and Akinola (available as free download on www.taiwoakinlami.com)
40. Example Is The Best Legacy-E-book
41. Why I Do Not Ordinarily Rejoice On The Arrival Of A New Born-E-book
42. Hold Your Pen, Don't Sign Yet- *An Audio Book*
43. Seal the Deal, Put it into Writing –*An Audio Book*
44. The Law and The Spirit of Enterprise-*An Audio Program*

Membership of Professional Bodies and Committees:

- I. **Accredited Certified Management Consultant and a Fellow of the Institute of Management Consultants:** in recognition of his distinguished and trailblazing role as a leading consultant, few of his kind in the areas of humanitarian service in Nigeria and arguably Africa. The CMC Certification is the highest qualification any management consultant can aspire to attain. It is globally accepted and it is reciprocally recognized in over 50 countries.
- II. **Member/Child Protection Expert** to Committee on Drafting and Implementing Child Protection Policy for primary and secondary caregivers in Lagos State, initiated by the Lagos State Government (2016)
- III. **Secretary-General**, Child Protection Network, Lagos State (2011 to Date).
- IV. **Contributor** to the Position Paper of the **Committee on National Policy for the SME'S Survival** sponsored by **Nigerian Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (NASME)** (2007).
- V. **Member**, Team of Resource Persons for **Political Trail**, a daily current affairs programme on **Lagos State Television (LTV), Lagos** (2005-2008).
- VI. **Member**, Human Rights Committee, **Nigerian Bar Association**, Ikeja Branch (2004-2006, 2010-12).
- VII. **Member**, Communiqué Drafting Committee, **National Seminar on the Development of Rural Infrastructure**, organized by **Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development** in Collaboration with Allied Bond Consulting. (March, 2006).
- VIII. **Member**, Corporate Affairs Commission Performance Evaluation Committee, **Nigerian Bar Association**, Ikeja (2006).

- IX. **Delegate** of the **Nigerian Bar Association** to the **African Bar Association Conference** held in Accra, Ghana, (2000).

Membership of Editorial Boards:

- I. **Member**, Editorial Board, **Justice**, a publication of the **Lagos Ministry of Justice**, Lagos State. (2003-2007).
- II. **Member**, Editorial Board, **The Squib**, a highly regarded law magazine in Lagos State. (2001-2005).
- III. **Assistant Editor** Editorial Board of the **Nigerian Weekly Law Reports (N.W.L.R)**, the **oldest and most credible weekly law reports in Nigeria** (2001-2004).
- IV. **Editor and Advertisement Executive, Effective Manager Monthly**, a joint publication of **Daily Independent Newspaper** and **OSC Limited** (2007-2009).
- V. **Team Leader**, Content Management Team, Editorial Team of the Fountain of Life Church, Ilupeju (2012-2013).

Recent Programs Organised or Facilitated:

1. **ACSI Annual Conference (www.acsi.org)**: delivered a paper on Securing A Friendly and Protective Environment™ for Children at the Association of Christian Schools International, a large network of Christian schools in Nigeria.
2. **iProtect™ Town Hall Meetings**: designed as a social service to reach stakeholders in Local Government Areas of Lagos State to create awareness for the Lagos State Government Executive Order of December 16, 2016, Safeguarding and Child Protection Programme. (2017)
3. **The Lawpreneurship™ Seminars**: *establish to help entrepreneurs discover, to learn, understand and deploy the rudiments of entrepreneurship and their inseparable relationship with the law, particularly as they relate with Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)(2005-date)*
4. **iProtect™ Forum**: Bi-monthly Child Protection Social Empowerment, addressing contemporary issues on child protection, organised for primary and secondary caregivers(2013-Date)
5. **APEN Conference (apen-ng.com)**: dissemination of **The TeacherFIRE™ Revolution** and **i-Protect™ (Intelligence of Child Protection)** at the 3rd (2011), 5th (2013), and 6th (2015) Association of Private Educators of Nigeria (APEN) Conference at the plenary and breakout sessions.

6. **APEN Annual Teachers' Conference: Dissemination of i-Protect™ (Intelligence of Child Protection) and Fostering Critical Thinking in the Classroom** at the APEN Annual Teachers' Conference 2013 and 2015 respectively.
7. **Association of International School Educators of Nigeria (AISEN) Conference (www.aisen.education):** Keynote Speaker at the 2014 AISEN Conference, which theme was Child Protection.
8. **Child's Rights and Discipline: The UNCOMMON Theory:** organised for leaders, policy makers and teachers of public and private schools in Lagos State (January & September, 2013).
9. **ChildPLUS™-** A Child's Rights Awareness Campaign Seminar Series organised for leaders and proprietors of Public and Private Schools in Lagos State respectively, experienced by 37(Thirty-Seven) Schools (2010-2011).
10. **Co-convener, Street Child Awareness Seminar,** bringing together close to 100(One Hundred) Nigerian Street Children Practitioners to deliberate on best practices in the discharge of their duties (2011).
11. **TeacherFIRE™ Revolution-**Empowerment Program aimed at helping public and private school teachers to act in the best interest of the child, experienced by over 10,000 participants within and outside Lagos State (2010-date)
12. **Drug and Cult-Free Training program** for Private and Public Schools pupils in Lagos State, with over 500 pupils trained and empowered with life skills (1997-2000)

Notable Awards

It is as contained in the Award Inventory Document, attached as Appendix 1

Family Life:

Happily married to his dear, supportive, and beautiful wife, Olufunmilayo and blessed with a son, Tieriayooluwa.

Faith:

Akinlami is a devoted Christian, member and a committed volunteer worker at The Fountain of Life Church where he serves as the Secretary to the Board of Trustees of The Fountain of Life Church, Ilupeju Lagos and Legal Officer to the church and Discovery for Men Ministry, where he served as Commissioner for Legal/Vision Alignment and Collaboration until 2021.

Personal Operating Ideology (POI):

'The World is a marketplace; sacrifices are its rewards.'

Hobbies:

Meditating, Reading, Sharing Knowledge, initiating and engagement in Social and Community Works

Notable Attestations

APEN

'I commend your presentation. It was backed up with so much passion. We all found it very inspiring and will definitely recommend you to others.' **Dr. (Mrs.) C.O. Ogunsanya, Managing Director, Oxbridge Tutorial College, G.R.A. Ikeja and Chairman, Association of Private Educators of Nigeria (APEN) Board of Trustees**

British Council

'Thank you again for all of your hard work in facilitating our 1st ever Child Protection awareness event for school counselors; IT WAS INDEED A SUCCESS; thanks to your participation and IMPRESSIVE FACILITATION SKILLS! COMPLEX AND SENSITIVE CHILD PROTECTION MATERIALS were put forward in a PRACTICAL way that ENABLED PEOPLE to THINK CRITICALLY about their OWN RESPONSIBILITIES TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN.' **Andrea Watkins, The British Council Interim Regional Child Protection Manager for Middle East & North Africa (MENA) & Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA)(2016)**

Olakunle Soriyan Company (OSC)

Taiwo Akinlami has evolved over the years as a highly effective facilitator and a leading voice on Child Rights, Care and Protection in Nigeria and arguably Africa. His unique approach of empathizing with his participants through his rich personal life stories has been his source of personal fulfilment and proven to be very effective and rewarding to his participants. He is at home with his originality as a person and facilitator, employing same to draw out the unique potentials of his participants. He creates scenarios, which stimulate discussions and engages his participants fully, making learning fun and easy. **Olakunle Soriyan, Futurist Disruptor Transformation Strategist Thought Revolutionist Social Reformer and Nation-Builder**

Tinogona Foundation

Taiwo Akinlami, you blew my mind with your speech and knowledge. I salute you for standing up for children. I am in awe!' 'Taiwo Akinlami is one of the most inspiring speakers of our times. I still remember his speech of three years ago like it was yesterday! Wow Afrika' **Dr. Tererai Trent, Educationist and Founder Tinogona Foundation, Zimbabwe/USA.**

POSH, UK

Thanks you again for sharing YOUR STORY with us on Thursday, this was most brave and inspirational. I am so glad you have found a path in life that is enabling you to help children that need it! It was great to meet you. #EMEChildSafetySummit2017, **Carmel Glassbrook, Helpline Practitioner For POSH & Assisted Monitoring Coordinator, United Kingdom**

Florida Atlantic University

I applaud what you are doing, and I agree with your perspective on African children...It is probably going to be hard to change such ensconced mentalities – just like in my home country of India, it's very hard to change belief patterns because they are embedded in culture and also in religion. BUT – someone has to try. Someone will make progress. It is time. And at the very least, those after us can build on our current work to finally achieve breakthrough. So, our efforts are never wasted – not even a bit. #EMEACHildSafetySummit2017. **Sameer Hinduja, Ph.D. Co-Director, Cyberbullying Research Center, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Florida Atlantic University**

The Victoria Climbe Foundation

'I like your approach to Child Protection; it is highly philosophical.' **Mor Dioum, Director of The Victoria Climbe Foundation, United Kingdom, Legal Practitioner and leading Child Protection Specialist**

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