



**THE PROF. AKPAN HOGAN EKPO
CENTRE FOR PUBLIC POLICY
UNIVERSITY OF UYO**



5th

Annual Birthday Lecture

IN HONOUR OF **PROF. AKPAN H. EKPO**

Theme

**PROTEST MATTERS: THE EFFECT OF PROTEST ON
ECONOMIC REDISTRIBUTION**

Date: Monday, June 26th, 2023 || **Time:** 11.00am

Venue:

**Prof. Akpan Hogan Ekpo Centre for Public Policy,
University of Uyo Main Campus, Nwaniba Road, Uyo**





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NATIONAL ANTHEM

Arise, o compatriots, Nigeria's call obey
To serve our fatherland,
With love and strength and faith
The labour of our heroes past,
Shall never be in vain,
To serve with heart and might,
One nation bound in freedom,
Peace and unity.

Oh God of creation, direct our noble cause
Guide our leader's right
Help our youth the truth to know
In love and honesty to grow
And living just and true
Great lofty heights attain
To build a nation where peace and justice
shall reign.

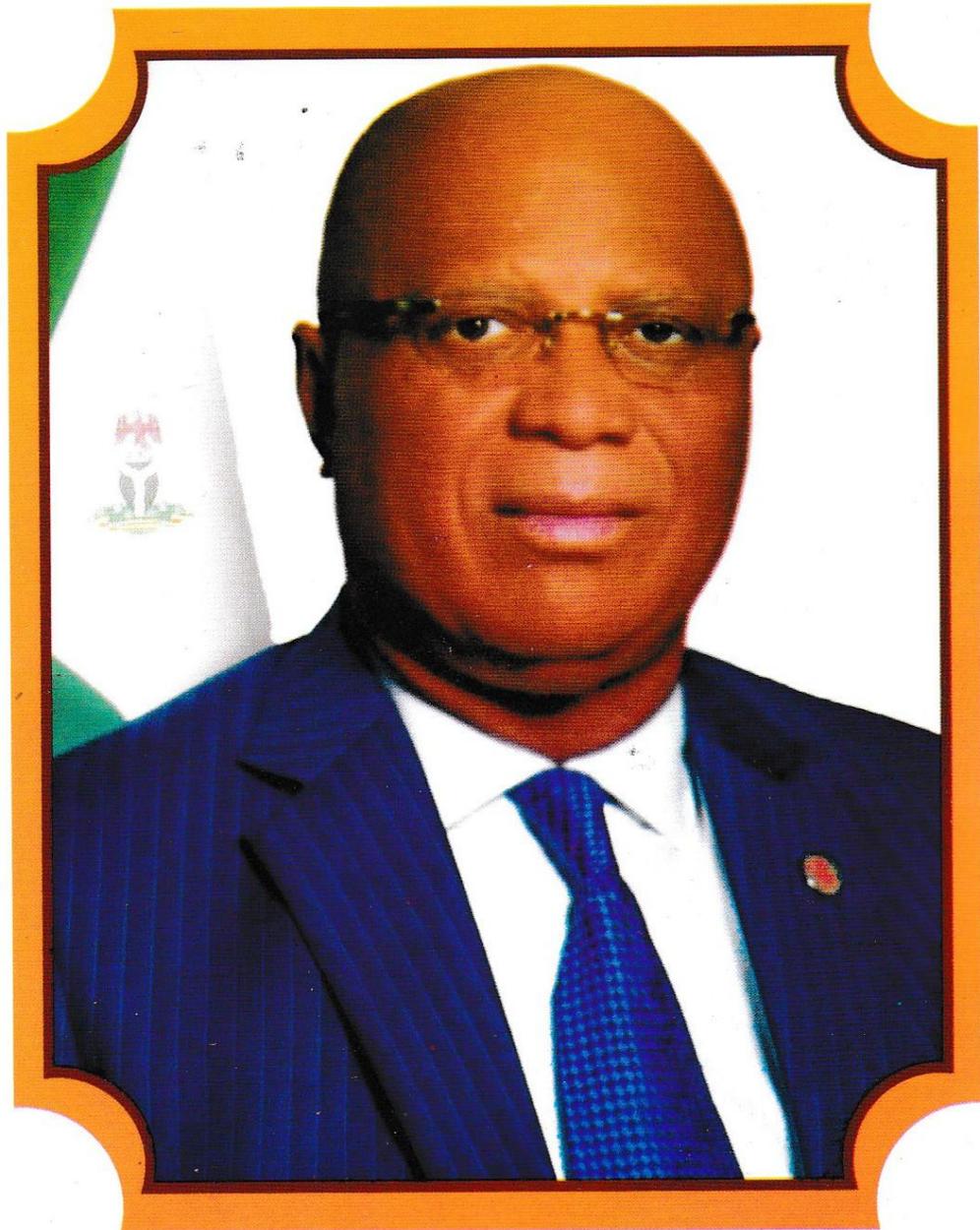
THE PLEDGE

I pledge to Nigeria my country
To be faithful, loyal and honest
To serve Nigeria with all my strength
To defend her unity
And uphold her honour and glory
So help me God.





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His Excellency
PASTOR UMO ENO
Executive Governor, Akwa Ibom State
(Special Guest of Honour)



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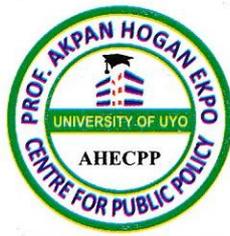
Her Excellency
SEN. (DR.) AKON EYAKENYI
Deputy Governor, Akwa Ibom State
(Guest of Honour)



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His Eminence,
NTEYIN SOLOMON ETUK, JP
Oku Ibom & Chairman,
AKS Traditional Rulers Council
Father of the Day



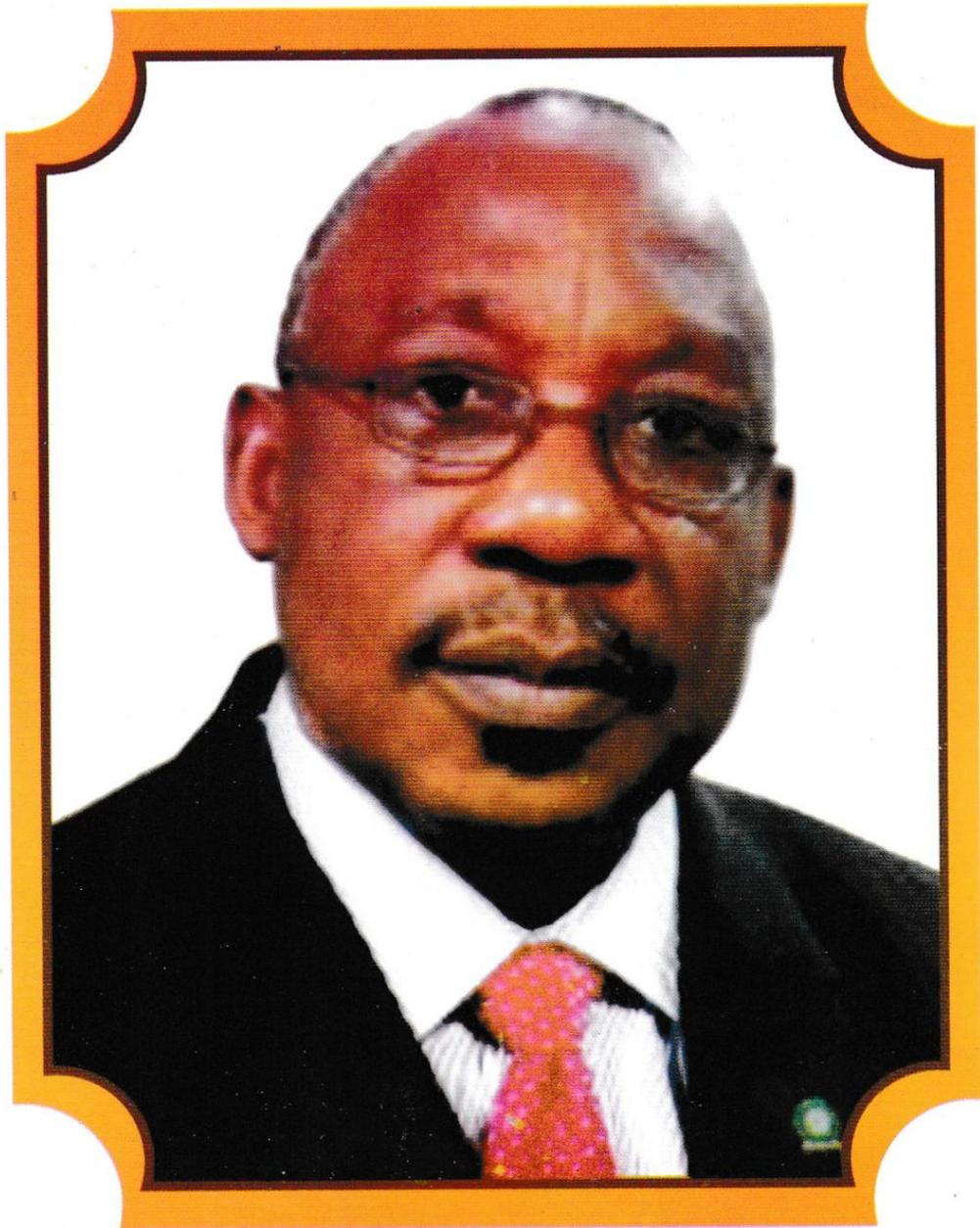
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His Excellency,
ARC. (OBONG) VICTOR ATTAH
Guest of Honour



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His Excellency,
AMBASSADOR ASSAM E. ASSAM, SAN
(Chairman of the Occasion)



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PROF. NYAUDOH NDAEYO

Vice Chancellor-University of Uyo

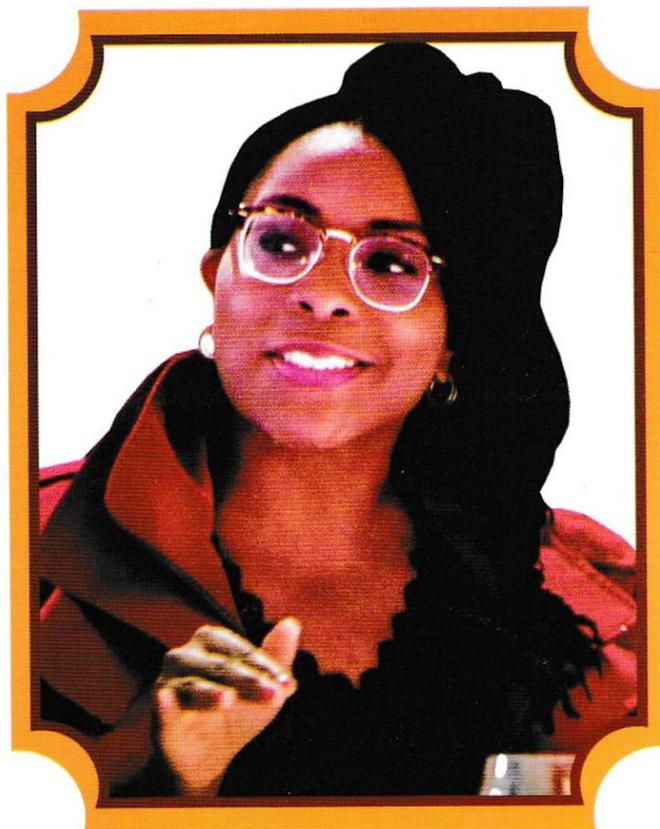
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PROF. AKPAN HOGAN EKPO

*Professor of Economics and Public
Policy Department of Economics*

(The Honouree)



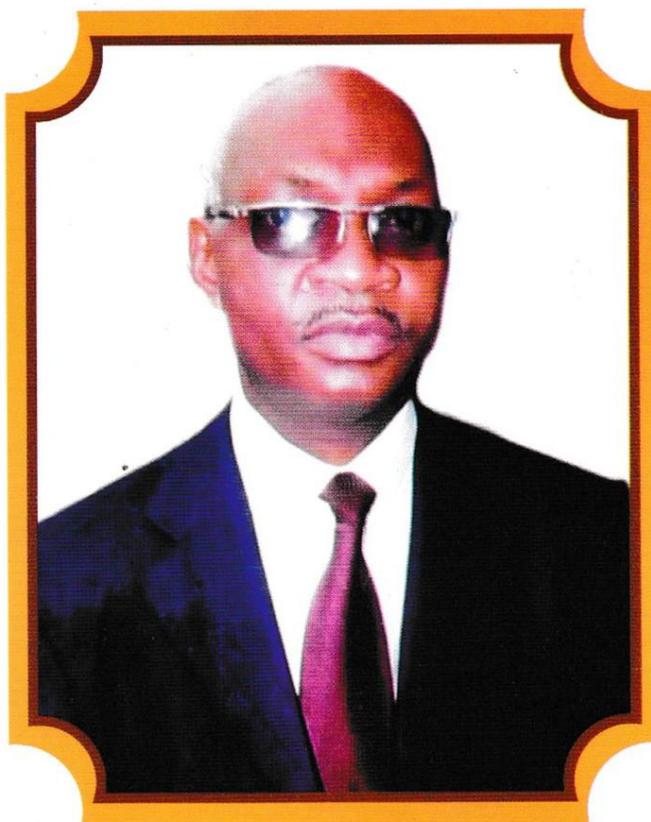
PROF. BELINDA ARCHIBONG
*(Department of Economics, Bernard College,
Columbia University, U.S.A)*

Lecturer

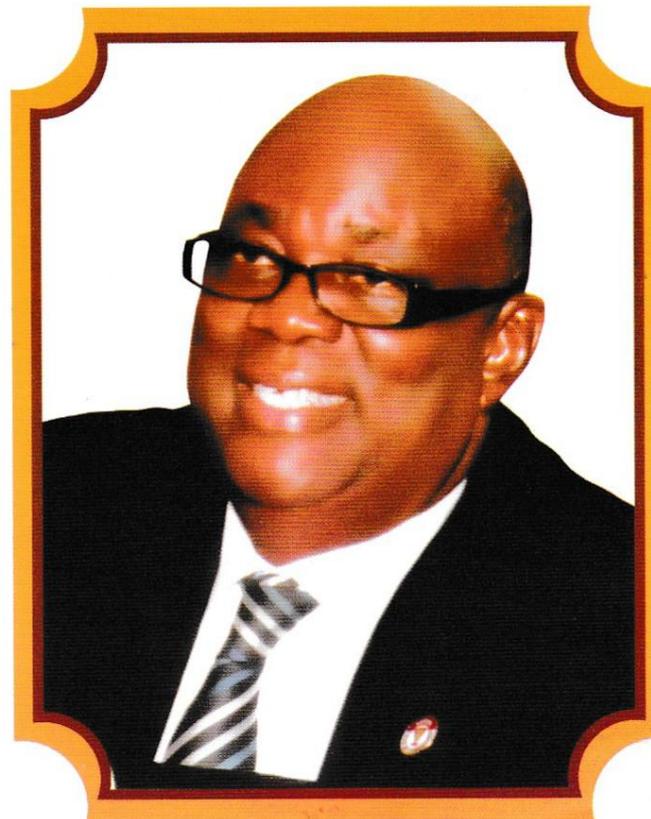


PROF. EMMANUEL ONWIODUOKIT
(Department of Economics, University of Uyo, Uyo)

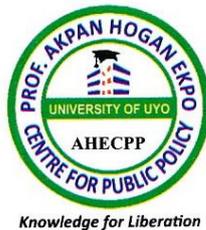
Lecturer



DR. EFFIONG E. INYANG
*Chairman, AHECPP and Chief Medical Director,
Eduwem Clinic, Ibiono, Akwa Ibom State*



PROF. NTIEDO J. UMOREN
*Executive Co-Chairman, and Former Dean, Faculty
of Business Administration, UNIUYO*



Programme of Event

1. Opening Prayer
2. Chairman's Opening Remarks - **His Excellency, Ambassador Assam E. Assam**
3. Welcome Remarks by the Vice Chancellor - Prof. Nyaudoh Ndaeyo
4. Remarks by the Father of the Day - His Eminence Ntenyin Solomon Etuk, The Oku Ibom
5. Declaration of Purpose by the Chairman, AHECPP - Dr. Effiong E. Inyang
6. Presentation of the Celebrant and the Lecturers by Prof. Ntiedo J. Umoren
7. First Lecture - **Prof. Belinda Archibong (*Bernard College, Columbia University, U.S.A*)**
8. Questions and Contribution
9. Brief Remarks by the Guest of Honour - His Excellency, Arc. (Obong) Victor Attah
10. Fundraising for the Centre
11. Second Lecture - **Prof. Emmanuel Onwioduokit (*Department of Economics, University of Uyo.*)**
12. Goodwill messages to be anchored by the MC
13. Toast by - Prof. Okon .A Ansa
14. Response by - Prof. Akpan H. Ekpo
15. Vote of Thanks by - Prof. Trenchard O. Ibia
16. Chairman's Closing Remark
17. Remarks by His Excellency Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State Pastor Umo Eno
18. Closing Prayer
19. Site Visit & Departure



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AKPAN HOGAN EKPO CENTRE FOR PUBLIC POLICY **UNIVERSITY OF UYO, UYO, AKWA IBOM STATE.**

BACKGROUND

The family of Professor Akpan Hogan Ekpo, former students, friends and colleagues, decided to build a Centre to Honour him while he is still alive. The Centre organizes short-term courses for the training of senior, middle and executive public sector officials and their private sector counterparts in various areas of public policy. In addition, the Centre holds roundtable discussions on topical and relevant issues so as to contribute not only to public discourse but also to influence government policy in Nigeria, Africa and globally. These matters, among others have occupied the life of Professor Akpan Hogan Ekpo for several decades.

It is important to state that this type of Centre is not common in this part of Nigeria hence its establishment is beneficial to the university, community, the country and humanity.

VISION

To rank among the best continuing education and think tank outfits for Public Policy and Social Issues in Nigeria and the rest of the world.

MISSION

To upscale on a sustainable basis the skills and knowledge of public and private sector officials in various areas of public and social policy in Nigeria and rest of the world.



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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTRE

Upon application, the Vice Chancellor in 2015 conveyed the approval of the Governing Council of the University of Uyo that land be allocated in the permanent site for the building of the Centre to be known as **Akpan Hogan Ekpo Centre for Public Policy**. The committee overseeing the project met on 22nd September, 2015 in Uyo and approved the project. The committee was jointly headed by Dr. Effiong Inyang and Professor Ntiedo Umoren. The Centre was formally established on June 26, 2016.

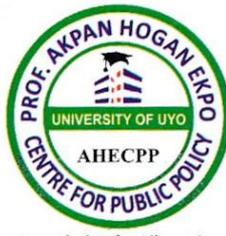
OBJECTIVES:

These include to

- Upscale the skills and knowledge required in relevant areas of public policy.
- Be proactive in ensuring that public servants in the country are exposed to the current state of the art in terms of public policy theory and practice;
- Optimize the synergy between public and private officials in the implementation of public policy;
- Conduct policy dialogue on relevant and topical issues affecting national and the global policy space;
- Raise awareness on social issues such as poverty, inequality and gender; and
- Remain relevant to the university community and its environs.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The governance structure consists of a Board headed by a Chairman and a management team headed by an Executive Director. The Vice Chancellor of the University of Uyo shall be a member of the Board. A member of the family of Professor Akpan Hogan Ekpo shall always be a member of the Board.



FUNDING

The Centre is funded mainly from two sources, namely, fees from courses and grants from a diversified group of donors and friends. The seed money was provided by former students, and the family of Professor Akpan H. Ekpo. At the end of any financial year, 20 percent of any surplus would be credited to the University of Uyo while 80 percent would be used in running the Centre.

STAFFING

The Centre maintains a lean but efficient secretariat. Resource persons and consultants are drawn from the university system, public and private sectors within Nigeria and globally.

RESEARCH TEAM

The team is supported by Senior Fellows, Fellows and Research Associates drawn globally.

SELECTED ACTIVITIES

- Professor Akpan Hogan Ekpo Annual Lecture
- Short-term training on public and social issues
- Policy dialogue on current and relevant issues
- Strategic workshops/seminars on public and social issues on the economy
- Research on socio-economic matters.

GOVERNING BOARD OF AHECPP

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1.	Dr. Effiong E. Inyang	Chairman, AHECPP and Chief Medical Director, Eduwem Clinic, Ibiono, Akwa Ibom State.
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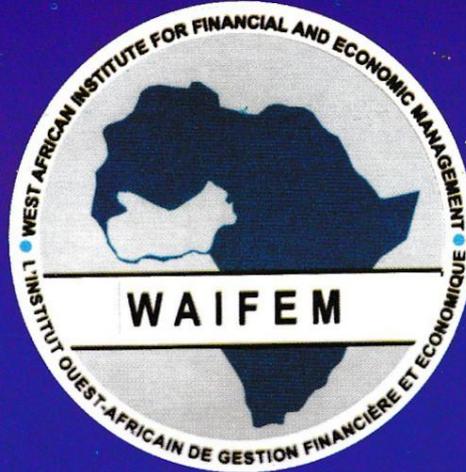
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Brief Profile of **PROFESSOR AKPAN H. EKPO, FNES**

Akpan H. Ekpo is a Professor of Economics and Public Policy, University of Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. He has participated in Nigeria's public policy space for over twenty-five years. He was once Chairman, Ministerial Advisory Committee, Federal Ministry of Finance, Abuja from 1994-98; a Non-Executive Director of the Central Bank of Nigeria and Member of its Monetary Policy Committee, 2005-2009. He was Technical Advisor to the Vision 2010; member of the Steering Committee to Vision 20:2020; member of the Economic and Recovery Growth Committee; member of the Federal Government Minimum Wage Committee and has participated at various federal and state governments policy-making committees in Nigeria. He was a member of the Senior Technical Review Team for the 2021-25 National Development Plan and Agenda 2050 for Nigeria. He was Editor, Nigerian Journal of Economic and Social Studies. President of the Nigerian Economic Society and a fellow of the Society.

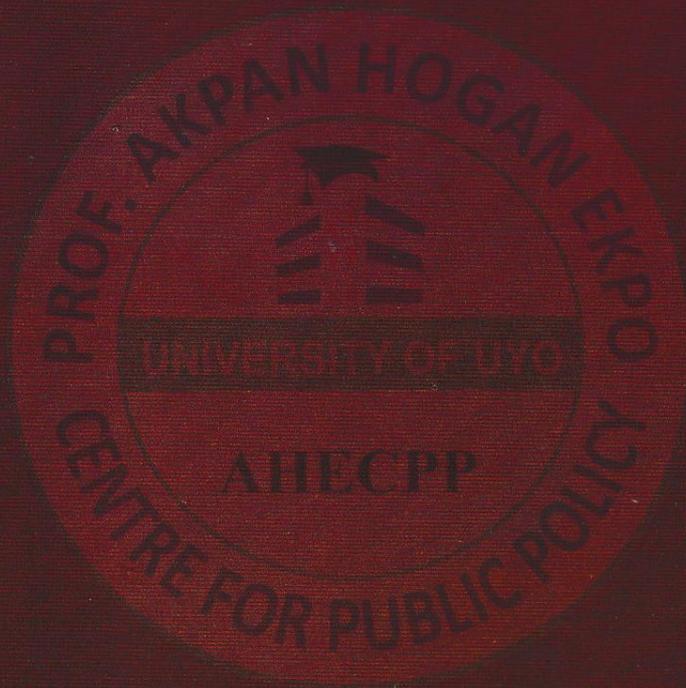
He was Director General and Head of Mission of the West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management (WAIFEM) from 2009-2018, owned by English-speaking Central Banks of West Africa.

Professor Ekpo was Vice-chancellor, University of Uyo, 200-2005 and was commended by the National Universities Commission (NUC) for excellence in re-positioning the Federal University of Uyo. He has been Visiting scholar to the World Bank and the IMF at various times. He is a recipient of the Federal Government of Nigeria Merit Award on Productivity. He has lectured in several universities in the USA, Zimbabwe and Nigeria.

He has consulted for several global and national institutions such as the World Bank, African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), UNDP, UNCTAD, UN-ECA, ACBF, Forum of Federations, Center for Democracy and Development, National Manpower Board, Federal Ministry of Finance, budget and Planning, among others.

He has been a member of various boards and Think Tanks such as the Management Committee of the AERC in Nairobi, African Heritage Institutions, African Population, Health and Research Consortium (APHRC), Clement Isong Foundation, Edet Amana Foundation and New Nigeria Foundation, among others. He has attended several policy-oriented programmes at Harvard University, University of Oxford and the World Bank Development Institute.

Professor Ekpo has written eight books and edited three. His latest book: **Nigeria: A Resource Rich Economy in Disarray** was published by the University of Lagos Press. He has published over 200 articles in peer-reviewed journals, chapters in book and other research outlets. He attended Howard University, Washington, D.C., USA; Northwestern University (AEA Fellowship), Evanston, Illinois, USA. He holds a PhD in Business Administration and PhD in Economics from the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA. He is married to Rev (Mrs) Njeri Mbaka Ekpo and they are blessed with children and grandchildren. For details see: www.akpanhekpo.com



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