



**JUSTIFICATION FOR THE CONFERRAL OF THE  
DISTINGUISHED LEGACY LAUREATE OF PUBLIC SERVICE  
(DLLPS) – ENTERPRISE AND ECONOMIC SERVICE  
DIVISION UPON DANIEL KOUSSOU CHUKWUKA**

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## **I. Preamble: The Standard of the Distinguished Legacy Laureate of Public Service**

The Distinguished Legacy Laureate of Public Service (DLLPS), within the Enterprise and Economic Service Division, is conferred upon individuals whose enterprise leadership, economic engagement, and institutional contributions demonstrate measurable impact in advancing economic development, sectoral growth, investment expansion, and strategic participation within Nigeria and beyond.

This Division recognises private-sector actors and enterprise leaders whose activities generate broader public value through:

- Expansion of enterprise and investment opportunities;
- Participation in strategic sectors of the economy;
- Promotion of economic diplomacy and international cooperation;
- Advancement of innovation, industrial participation, and sectoral development;
- Support for cross-border trade, investment, and sustainable economic growth.

The Institute’s evaluation framework is guided by its core principles:

- **Truth First** – recognition grounded in documented enterprise activity, institutional roles, and verifiable public engagements;
- **Guardians of Memory** – preservation of emerging economic and entrepreneurial legacies shaping contemporary African development;
- **Justice Through Legacy** – acknowledgment of developmental contributions expressed through enterprise, diplomacy, and institutional leadership outside formal state structures;
- **History for Growth** – identification of enterprise models and leadership trajectories contributing to future pathways of economic transformation.

The conferral of the Distinguished Legacy Laureate of Public Service (DLLPS) – Enterprise and Economic Service Division upon Daniel Koussou Chukwuka is based on documented contributions to enterprise development, energy-sector participation, economic diplomacy, and continental advocacy within Africa’s evolving energy and investment landscape.

## **II. Emergence as an Enterprise and Energy Sector Actor**

Daniel Koussou Chukwuka emerged within Nigeria’s private-sector environment through technical and professional engagement in petroleum engineering and energy-related enterprise activity.

His academic training in Petroleum Engineering at the Federal University of Petroleum Resources provided a technical foundation for participation within Nigeria’s hydrocarbons sector, particularly during a period of increasing emphasis on indigenous participation and African energy development.

His trajectory reflects the evolution of technically trained professionals into enterprise leaders within Nigeria’s contemporary energy economy. Over time, his activities expanded from professional engagement into broader enterprise leadership and international economic advocacy.

### **III. Enterprise Formation and Participation in the Energy Sector**

A defining feature of Chukwuka’s enterprise profile is the establishment of Dau-o Gik Oil and Gas Limited, incorporated in 2019 as an indigenous participant within Nigeria’s oil and gas sector.

Under his leadership as Founder and Chief Executive Officer, the company developed operational interests and service structures across segments of the hydrocarbons value chain, including:

- Oil and gas advisory services;
- Oil trading and refined product marketing;
- Midstream logistics and trading support;
- Gas processing and distribution advisory;
- Strategic investment and sectoral partnership development.

The company’s activities reflect participation in Nigeria’s evolving energy market and broader efforts toward strengthening indigenous enterprise representation within the sector.

Its operational orientation toward sustainability, strategic partnerships, and energy-sector development aligns with contemporary models of African enterprise participation within critical economic sectors.

### **IV. Economic Diplomacy and International Engagement**

Beyond enterprise operations, Chukwuka’s profile reflects engagement in economic diplomacy and international cooperation initiatives linked to trade, investment, and energy advocacy.

His appointment within the BIGWIL International Community of CEOs and Diplomatic Forum, operating under the International Human Rights Observatory – Africa (IHRO-Africa),

positioned him among contributors to discussions surrounding economic diplomacy and investment engagement.

As Chairman of the Committee on Economic Diplomacy, Trade and Investment for the forum's Nigeria chapter, his activities contribute to:

- Promotion of cross-border partnerships;
- Expansion of investment dialogue;
- Facilitation of international business engagement;
- Encouragement of trade cooperation between African and global stakeholders.

These engagements situate his enterprise activities within broader frameworks of economic diplomacy and international commercial participation.

## **V. Continental Energy Advocacy and Agenda 2063 Alignment**

A significant aspect of Chukwuka's public and enterprise profile is his nomination as African Union Special Envoy on Oil and Gas (Continental) under the framework of Agenda 2063.

Agenda 2063, the African Union's long-term strategic framework for continental transformation and integration, places energy security, industrialisation, and sustainable economic development at the centre of Africa's future growth agenda.

Within this context, Chukwuka's role reflects advocacy for:

- Strategic deployment of Africa's hydrocarbon resources;
- Energy security and industrial development;
- Sustainable utilisation of natural resources;
- African participation in global energy discourse;
- Protection of Africa's developmental priorities within international decarbonisation debates.

This continental engagement positions his work within broader conversations concerning Africa's energy future and economic transformation.

## **VI. Enterprise Leadership and Development Orientation**

Chukwuka's leadership reflects an enterprise orientation grounded in sectoral participation, investment engagement, and long-term economic positioning.

His documented enterprise philosophy includes:

- Promotion of strategic partnerships and investment cooperation;
- Expansion of indigenous participation within the energy sector;
- Encouragement of innovation and sustainable development;
- Integration of enterprise growth with continental economic objectives;
- Support for emerging business leadership among younger entrepreneurs.

His advocacy for creating platforms through which young chief executive officers can engage in international trade and investment further reflects an orientation toward generational enterprise development and economic inclusion.

## **VII. Economic Contribution and Public Value**

The documented activities associated with Chukwuka’s enterprise and diplomatic engagements contribute to public value through:

- Participation within Nigeria’s oil and gas value chain;
- Promotion of indigenous enterprise development;
- Facilitation of investment and commercial engagement;
- Support for international trade and economic diplomacy;
- Expansion of energy-sector dialogue and advocacy;
- Contribution to broader conversations surrounding African economic transformation.

These activities collectively reflect enterprise-driven contributions to economic participation and strategic sectoral development.

## **VIII. Institutional Character and Leadership Profile**

The documented record of Chukwuka’s activities reveals:

- Leadership of an indigenous energy enterprise;
- Participation in continental energy advocacy initiatives;
- Engagement in economic diplomacy and investment promotion;
- Support for cross-border commercial cooperation;
- Promotion of youth enterprise participation and international engagement.

These elements position his profile within the broader landscape of emerging African enterprise leadership and economic diplomacy.

## **IX. Alignment with IHS-BiRD & L Core Values**

### **Truth First**

This recognition is based on documented enterprise activities, institutional roles, professional appointments, and publicly presented records of leadership and engagement.

### **Guardians of Memory**

His trajectory reflects an emerging legacy within Nigeria's contemporary energy, enterprise, and economic diplomacy landscape.

### **Justice Through Legacy**

The recognition acknowledges developmental contributions expressed through enterprise leadership, economic advocacy, and continental engagement outside conventional state institutions.

### **History for Growth**

His profile illustrates pathways linking indigenous enterprise development, energy-sector participation, and international economic engagement within Africa's evolving economic framework.

## **X. Conclusion: A Record of Enterprise-Driven and Continental Economic Service**

The conferral of the Distinguished Legacy Laureate of Public Service (DLLPS) – Enterprise and Economic Service Division upon Daniel Koussou Chukwuka is justified on the basis of his contributions to enterprise development, energy-sector participation, and economic diplomacy, including:

- Establishment and leadership of Dau-o Gik Oil and Gas Limited within Nigeria's oil and gas sector;
- Participation in energy trading, advisory, and midstream-related enterprise activities;
- Promotion of indigenous enterprise participation within strategic economic sectors;
- Engagement in economic diplomacy and international investment dialogue;
- Leadership within the BIGWIL International Community of CEOs and Diplomatic Forum;
- Advocacy connected to African energy development under Agenda 2063;
- Promotion of cross-border partnerships, trade engagement, and continental economic cooperation;

- Support for youth participation in enterprise and international business engagement.

These contributions reflect a sustained pattern of enterprise-oriented public value creation within Nigeria's evolving economic and continental development landscape.

It is therefore the considered judgment of the Institute for Historical Studies, Biographical Research, Documentation and Legacy that the record of Daniel Koussou Chukwuka satisfies the threshold for the conferment of the Distinguished Legacy Laureate of Public Service (DLLPS) – Enterprise and Economic Service Division.