



## **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja**

### **Press Release**

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#### **MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INDUCTS AMBASSADORS AND HIGH COMMISSIONERS-DESIGNATE, CHARGES THEM ON RESULT-ORIENTED DIPLOMACY**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on Monday, 27 April 2026, commenced an induction ceremony for newly appointed Ambassadors and High Commissioners-designate in Abuja, as part of efforts to prepare them for their forthcoming diplomatic assignments. The programme is designed to deepen the envoys' understanding of Nigeria's foreign policy priorities, diplomatic practice, mission administration, consular responsibilities, and the expectations of the Federal Government.

Speaking at the event, the Honourable Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Bianca Odumegwu-Ojukwu, congratulated the Ambassadors and High Commissioners-designate on their appointments. She noted that their selection reflected the confidence reposed in them by His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR. She described the envoys as the face, voice, and strategic agents of Nigeria in their respective countries of accreditation, stressing that their conduct and engagements would shape international perceptions of the country and strengthen Nigeria's bilateral and multilateral relations.

The Minister of State urged the envoys to promote Nigeria's national interests in line with the administration's foreign policy thrust, anchored on the 4Ds: Democracy, Development, Demography and Diaspora. She further charged them to advance economic diplomacy, attract foreign direct investment, promote trade and tourism, and support Nigeria's economic diversification agenda. She also emphasised the importance of consular responsibility, stating that Nigerians in the diaspora must feel the presence, responsiveness, and protection of their government through Nigerian missions abroad, and added that prompt consular services, effective crisis response, and sustained engagement with Nigerian communities must remain central to mission activities. Ambassador Odumegwu-Ojukwu further called for professionalism, discipline, integrity, prudence, and

**accountability in the management of Nigerian missions, noting that diplomatic privilege must never be misunderstood as a licence for misconduct. Delivering the keynote address on behalf of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Senator George Akume, CON, congratulated the newly appointed envoys and described their appointments as a sacred national responsibility.**

**The President stated that Nigeria's foreign policy direction had been repositioned to place the Nigerian people at the centre of diplomatic engagement. He charged the envoys to ensure that their assignments produce tangible benefits for citizens, strengthen national development, enhance Nigeria's global standing, and advance the country's strategic interests. He urged them to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, patriotism, discipline, respect for the laws and cultures of host countries, and unwavering loyalty to Nigeria.**

**Goodwill messages were also delivered on behalf of the National Assembly. The representative of the Senate assured the envoys of continued legislative support, particularly in oversight and increased funding for Nigerian missions abroad. Similarly, the representative of the House of Representatives reminded the envoys of their constitutional and statutory responsibilities, particularly regarding accountability, financial prudence, and strict compliance with extant rules and regulations.**

**The induction programme is expected to continue with technical sessions covering key aspects of diplomatic practice, mission management, protocol, consular affairs, multilateral engagement, economic diplomacy, security coordination, and the role of spouses in diplomatic service.**

**The ceremony reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to strengthening Nigeria's diplomatic service and preparing its representatives abroad to deliver purposeful, proactive, and result-oriented diplomacy.**

**Signed:**

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