



Frank has 13 years proven leadership experience at both State and Federal government levels and well over 20 years of same in the private sector of the economy. An expert in the administration of human resources, and brand strategist per excellence in both the public and private sector. He has built a strong foundation in public administration and public management over time, from high-level leadership roles in the public service as well as from education at the Harvard University Kennedy School of government, the Aspen Institute, Colorado and University of Maiduguri.

Frank has remained above board in all the private and public sector roles that he has occupied, and is today, regarded as one of the few highly respected public servants in Nigeria. He is a student of the concept of leadership and followership as shared responsibility and had consistently chosen the path of public service, remaining committed to fostering good governance in Nigeria through the promotion of public/ private dialogues and advocacy for a leading role for the private sector in economic development. The recognition of his intellect, dedication to duty and personal integrity as the Chief of Staff to the Government of Enugu State led to his appointment as a Federal Minister in 2003 making him one of the youngest members of the Nigerian Federal Cabinet in which he served. He currently sits on the boards of some of Nigeria's leading companies for the similar considerations.

In February, 2009, Frank was appointed the Director – General of Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG), an office he occupies to date. The Nigerian Economic Summit Group was founded in 1996 as a platform for public-private sector cooperation on Nigeria's economic development.

Since assuming the leadership of the NESG in 2009, he has ensured that the recommendations from the annual Nigerian Economic Summit are considered by the Federal Executive Council, Nigeria's highest decision making body. He has worked conscientiously to transform the NESG into a world-class think-tank by fostering linkages and partnerships with the World Economic Forum, Brookings Institute and the Center for the study of the Economies of Africa, among others.

Through the introduction of initiatives such as the Presidential policy dialogue, he has entrenched the meaningful participation of Nigeria's President and the Federal Cabinet at the annual economic summit. Similarly, the newly introduced emerging leaders' forum, civil society forum, financial regulators forum and the creative industries forum were all conceived to expand stakeholder engagement during the annual economic summit. In order to improve the advocacy impact of the NESG, he conceived and initiated the development of the first ever scorecard of legislative progress to track the effectiveness of the Nigerian legislature as well as the scorecard of economic progress published annually by the NESG to track and evaluate the implementation of economic policies by the Federal government of Nigeria.

As Director General of the NESG, quite a lot is credited to him. To mention a few, he;

- Initiated the development of a framework for the establishment of the NESG Endowment Fund to provide sustainable funding for the NESG.
- Conceptualized and successfully introduced the publication of the annual scorecard of national economic progress as well as the annual scorecard for the economic progress for the States of Nigeria.
- Successfully increased the research capacity of the NESG through the overhaul of its human resources department and the active pursuit of research funding from the World Bank and similar institutions.
- Actively promotes the establishment of linkages with other local and international think-tanks to improve the capacity of the NESG for research and advocacy.

- Completely overhauled the Nigerian Economic Summit and restored high level participation of the highest levels of political and private sector leadership
- Insured that the advocacy impact of the work of the NESG received tremendous boost through the consideration of the Summit's recommendations by the Federal Executive Council and the monitoring of their implementation by Nigeria's Vice President.
- Introduced the Presidential Policy Dialogue with private sector leadership, emerging leaders' forum to engage young Nigerians, the Creative industries forum, Civil Society forum and the financial regulators forum and the publication of the annual scorecard of economic progress.
- Initiated the acquisition of an ultra modern, purpose designed permanent office building for the NESG after 20 years of its existence and invested massively in the upgrade of its IT infrastructure.
- Conceptualized the establishment of an online economic data management system in aid of NESG research work and as a source of credible data for researchers worldwide.
- Completely transformed NESG communication strategy and expanded the reach by over 1000%.

In 2003 he became a Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. A responsibility that saw him transverse over three ministries (Ministry of Inter-Governmental Affairs, Youth Development and Special Duties, Ministry of information and national orientation and Ministry of Information and Communication) successively over a period of four years. In this capacity he chaired important national committees such as the Universal Service Provision Fund which had responsibility for ensuring telecommunications and ICT coverage for rural and underserved areas, National Committee on Ecological Problems, National Prison Reform Working Group and several others. He also had supervisory responsibility over the Niger Delta Development Commission, a special purpose agency established with the return to democracy in 1999 to fast-track the development of Nigeria's oil rich Niger Delta. He particularly worked for the entrenchment of a transparent procurement process and overall accountability within the commission just as he supported the development of the Niger Delta

development master plan and the involvement of the local communities in the management of their affairs.

Some of his laudable achievement as a Minister of the Federal republic were:

- Chief government spokesperson, responsible for the development and management of information and communication policies of the Federal Government of Nigeria.
- Successfully established the international operations of the government owned station- the Nigeria Television Authority.
- Successfully improved access to information and communication facilities in rural and underserved areas of Nigeria and supervised the implementation of a country-wide Internet access programme through the establishment of community communication centers under the Nigerian Communications Commission.
- Completed the establishment of FM radio stations in all 36 states in Nigeria to improve citizen access to information.
- Successfully completed the establishment of the Nigerian Internet gateway and initiated the implementation of the State Accelerated Broad Band Initiative.
- Worked with the Nigerian Communications Commission to ensure and protect its status as regulator of the Telecommunications sector.
- Successfully administered the Universal Provision Fund, the multibillion naira fund for the provision of telecoms and internet access in rural and underserved areas.
- Managed and spearheaded the Rebranding Nigeria project. Implemented the Heart of Africa project to promote Nigeria's international image.
- Initiated the development of the regulatory framework for the Nigerian film industry, expanded the infrastructure for the Nigerian Film Corporation and worked for the creation of the Nigerian Film Development Fund and the establishment of a Nigerian Film Village.
- Successfully restructured the Nigerian Film and Video Censors Board to increase effectiveness, improve the quality of film production and

establish a film distribution system in Nigeria.

- Worked with the National Orientation Agency and the DFID to develop a curriculum for the re-introduction of civic education into the national schools curriculum.
- Coordinated the development of the framework for inter-governmental relations between the Federal and State governments with the assistance of the World Bank.
- Chaired the Presidential Advisory Committee on the Prerogative of Mercy, the National Prison Reform Working Group and the National Committee on Ecological Problems.
- Successfully oversaw the sustainable management of the perennial flooding problem of Ogunpa River through the implementation of a strict design and project management process which led to the execution of a sustainable solution to an over 50year old problem.
- Supervised the work of the Niger-Delta Development Commission, specially established to fast track the development of Nigeria's Niger Delta region and stem the pervasive sense of neglect in the area. Played a significant role in the development of the master plan for the development of the Niger Delta region of Nigeria. He particularly encouraged the involvement of local communities in the management of their affairs through the establishment of Community Development Committees.
- Conceptualized and implemented the National Youth Agenda which captured the most important issues afflicting Nigeria's youth and the development of programs to address these issues. This agenda has remained the working document of every successor Minister since 2007.

Before his prominence as the Minister of the Federal Republic, Frank was Chief of Staff to the Governor of Enugu State. In this office, he planned and coordinated the schedule of activities of the Governor's Office, conducted oversight over the management of the Executive Office and monitored the implementation of the Governor's directives and the administration's policies and programs. It was in his leadership also to manage the Governor's communication with external partners including donor agencies and monitored the activities of key government departments.

Prior to being the Chief of Staff to the Governor he was the Resident Consultant on Economic Affairs.

Frank could not have achieved all the above without a solid educational background. He has to his compliments two masters degree, Masters in Public Policy and Administration and Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University Kennedy School of Government and University of Maiduguri, Nigeria respectively. His first degree was in Zoology from University of Maiduguri where he graduated with second class upper division in 1989.

Frank has had deep managerial, public and international exposure and responsibilities that cuts across virtually all key human endeavour and this is only "the beginning". Urbane, debonair, cosmopolitan, and a well educated gentleman. In spite of all of this, he has a good understanding of the grassroots.

Frank is a born and an outstanding leader!