



# IKENGA 2022

## A EUROPEAN IGBO FESTIVAL

AfricaFora is proud to present the latest of its series of Black and African celebrations. Ikenga Day – A European Igbo Festival will hold on 2/10/2022 in the Parisian region. The event, in the true AfricaFora spirit, will host a series of panels, cultural and commercial and exhibition. We invite you to come and celebrate with the Igbos and their culture, and traditions.

Activities will include panels, cultural displays, food sales and more. Tickets can now be purchased [here](#) or by contacting [admin@africafora.com](mailto:admin@africafora.com).

### Speakers

#### Ezennia Ed Keazor

Ezennia Ugonabo Ed Emeka Keazor is an historian, lawyer, filmmaker and writer. He has published several books on various subjects of Nigerian history including *The Federation Cup and Nigeria*; *120 Great Nigerians We Never Knew*; *The Lagos Hamburg Line: A Brief History of German Commerce in Nigeria* amongst others. His documentary film works include the critically acclaimed *Onunaekwuluora - the legend of Thurstan Shaw*; *January 15, 1970: Untold Memories of the Nigeria - Biafra War*; *Company Yaya? - Lost African Voices of World War II*. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Nigerian Legal History Society and the board of directors of Iba Ajie (the Ukpabi Asika Knowledge Resource Centre). He was also the recipient of an award from the African Society of Cambridge University in 2014 for his work in African History.



#### Uzoma Nnganyadi

Uzoma Nnganyadi is a trained Mechanical Engineer with over 42 years of extensive multi-disciplinary engineering and management experience. He is a qualified environmental professional & practitioner (QEP), a 4R (Reduce-Re-purpose-Recycle & Reuse) Waste prevention, management plan and systems expert, as well as a Circular Economy expert lead. He is an expert in design, specification, construction and commissioning of Waste to Energy plants, Waste Heat Recovery Units (WHRU) as applicable in the Float glass industry, Pollution Abatement control systems & continuous emission monitoring (CEM) systems as also Fire Fighting Systems.



### **Dr Emmanuel Ikechukwu Umeonyirioha**

**Emmanuel Umeonyirioha**, is a polyglot, researcher, writer and creative. A freelance Chinese and English language teacher, he is the first Igbo language lecturer at the University of Oxford and recently became a James Currey member at the African Studies Centre of the University of Oxford. His research is focused on African studies, history and development and on reviving the Igbo language worldwide, which UNESCO declared would be dead by 2025. He is a member of the Organization of African Academic Doctors (OAAD) and the Coordinator of Africa-Sino Research Group under the OAAD. Dr Umeonyirioha also promotes an NGO to support youths' development program following the United Nations Development Goals. Dr Umeonyirioha is a Pan-Africanist that strives to seek better pathways towards African development and economic freedom. He is a cross cultural mediator, a Sino-Nigeria and Sino-African relationship expert and an advocate of UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and African Union Agenda 2063.



### **Chikezie Agubuzu**

**Chikezie Agubuzu** is a Brussels based legal professional working in the field of Data Protection, with the European Data Protection Supervision (EDPS), an institution of the European Union. He has extensive experience including in the areas of administration, finance and law, working with the EDPS, the European Commission, the Belgian Federal Ministry of Finance, the Belgian Federal Ministry of Justice and in various private sector roles. Agubuzu is also a prince of Ezema-Olo ancient kingdom in Enugu State and has a deep passion for our traditional institutions, culture and history.



### **Ezemmuo Iheanyichukwu Anyanwu**

**Ezemmuo Iheanyichukwu Anyanwu** is Akaji Ugo Amadioha Otammiri Egbu, a teacher in Nkuzi Odinaala na Odinaala Institute, and a Council member in OBIOHA IGBO – a group working to unify Odinaala Igbo and aims to create the platform that will provide the avenue for interaction, education, protection and support for any affiliated Igbo individual or group practicing Odinaala Igbo. He is also a practicing Odinaala Igbo Dibia; majoring in the area of Afa, Igbo Psychology, Igbo Philosophy, Igbo spirituality, Igbo metaphysics, and more. The Odinaala Institute is a cultural educational organization that provides objective framework for the understanding, research and development of Igbo language, culture, science and Igbo traditional philosophy. The school is developing Igbo traditional educational system whose values are derived from Igbo ancient knowledge system, blended with the educational contents of the modern era.



### **Enyinnaya Uwazie**

**Enyinnaya Uwazie** is a teacher and board member in Odinaala Education Institute. His areas of expertise include: Igbo cosmology, ancient Igbo philosophy, Igbo metaphysics, Igbo spirituality, Igbo Physics, Igbo Epistemology, Igbo Cosmogony, philosophy of Igbo language, Igbo Logic, Igbo Psychology, and Western philosophy in general specifically in metaphysics, philosophy of mind, Socio-political philosophy, philosophy of Science, Philosophy of education, etc. The Odinaala Institute is a cultural educational organization that provides objective framework for the understanding, research and development of Igbo language, Igbo culture, Igbo science, Igbo technology, and Igbo traditional philosophy. The school is developing Igbo traditional educational system whose values are derived from Igbo ancient knowledge system, blended with the educational contents of the modern era.



### **Ndukwe Onuoha**

**Ndukwe Onuoha** is an advertising copywriter, creative director, and spoken word poet. Over the course of his career, he has created memorable ads for brands in Nigeria, West Africa, and the UK, across a wide variety of sectors. His works focus on crafting messages that resonate with the cultural and lived experiences of his audience. In 2020 he was endorsed by Arts Council England for his work in poetry and has since moved to the UK with his family. When he's not creating advertising or doing the UK spoken word rounds, he's working on his short film that's inspired by Igbo mythology and philosophical thoughts. Onuoha is a copywriter by day and a poet by design, and you can listen to his second Spoken Word album, Nwa Chukwu, on your favourite music platform.



### **Dr Kathryn Nkechinyelu Nwajiaku-Dahou**

**Dr Kathryn Nkechinyelu Nwajiaku-Dahou** is a political scientist and writer. She is the Director in the renowned UK based Think Tank - ODI. She has been a widely acknowledged expert on conflict and governance as well as business and human rights for 25 years. Dr Nwajiaku-Dahou worked for the OECD for five years, as Head of Unit and Head of the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding Secretariat and previously worked for the Irish Government and for the international NGOs- Oxfam and ACORD, in East (Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania) and West Africa (Burkina Faso, Mali, Senegal), Nigeria). Kathryn is currently Chair of the Bayelsa State Oil and Environmental Commissions' Expert Working Group in Nigeria.



### **Lady Chinwendu Okoroigwe**

**Lady Chinwendu Okoroigwe** (Adaigbo Gburugburu) is a graduate of Mass communications from UniBen. A former broadcaster with Enugu State Broadcasting Service and Raypower Abuja, she is an avid Igbo activist and the convener of Igbo women movement worldwide.

