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**Education**

- 2019 Executive Education: Evaluating Social Programs, The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- 2018 Executive Certificate in Non-profit Leadership, Duke University, United States
- 2016 Executive Education, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, United States. Programme: Rethinking Financial Inclusion
- 2012 Ph.D., Economics, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom  
Thesis: Empirical investigation of the impact of Foreign Direct Investment on manufacturing firms and banks in Nigeria
- 2007 M.Sc., Economics, University of Kent, United Kingdom  
Dissertation: An empirical investigation of impact of Foreign Direct Investment on Economic Growth: Evidence from Developing countries
- 2003 B.Sc., Economics, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria  
Project: The role of export credit agencies in promoting export in developing countries

**Work Experience**Current position:

- 2016 – present Executive Director, Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA)  
Functions: Driving the Centre’s vision and mandate through active leadership; formulating and implementing desirable strategies in line with the goals of the organisation; developing research agenda, in consultation with the Board of Trustees; oversee research work of the Centre, and participate in research projects directly; resource mobilisation; and day-to-day management of the Centre

Previous positions:

- 2015 – 2016 Acting Executive Director, CSEA
- 2014 – 2015 Acting Director of Research, CSEA
- 2012 – 2014 Senior Research Fellow, CSEA
- 2010 – 2012 Part-time Lecturer, University of Portsmouth
- 2004 – 2005 Research Assistant (NYSC), Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC)

**Selection of Relevant Recently Funded Research Projects**

- 2019 Evaluating the Impact of the Continental Free Trade Area in Nigerian Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises – Funded by Centre for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) – Role: Principal Investigator – Status: Ongoing
- 2019 Rural Labor Market Assessment to support skills development and income generation for households in Yobe state – Funded by Save the Children – Role: Co-Lead – Status: Ongoing

- 2019 Strengthening Sustainable Financing for Regulatory Monitoring of Food Control and Fortification in Nigeria – Funded by Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) – Role: Principal Investigator
- 2019 Building resilience among IDPs in Nigeria – funded by IDRC-TTI – Role: Co-Lead – Status: Completed
- 2019 Community Engagement, Local Politics, and Education Outcomes: Evidence from Nigeria -commissioned by DFID-RISE –Role: Policy Engagement Lead and Project researcher – Status: Ongoing
- 2019 Strengthening the Capacity of Country and Regional Policy Support Organizations in Africa and Asia – Commissioned by Results for Development (R4D) – Role: Principal Investigator – Status: Ongoing

### **Selected Relevant Publications**

1. Carden, F., Admassie, A., Diagne, A., Olukoshi, A, and Onyekwena, C. (2019). Strengthening Research Institutions: Learning From Doing. Available at [http://www.pasgr.org/wp-content/uploads/Learning\\_from\\_Doing.pdf](http://www.pasgr.org/wp-content/uploads/Learning_from_Doing.pdf)
2. Carden, F., Beintema, N.M., Admassie, A., Katera, L., Mboghoina, T., and Onyekwena, C. (2019). Informing policy with agricultural R&D evidence: An ASTI pilot project in Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Tanzania. IFPRI Discussion Paper 01860. Available at <http://ebrary.ifpri.org/utils/getfile/collection/p15738coll2/id/133373/filename/133583.pdf>
3. Arndt C., Chuku, C., Adeniran, A., Adetutu, M., Ajayl, V., Mavrotas, G. & Onyekwena C. (2018) Nigeria’s macroeconomic crisis explained. International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). Nigeria Working Paper 52. Available at <https://www.ifpri.org/publication/nigerias-macroeconomic-crisis-explained>
4. Onyekwena, C. Muhammed, A. Akanonu, P. (2017). Understanding the Ongoing Recession in Nigeria: A Synthesis of the Events and Policy Options. CSEA Policy Paper, March 2017.
5. Onyekwena, C. Ishaku, J. (2017) South Africa's waning soft power: A Nigerian perspective. Africa Portal, South Africa. Available at: <https://www.africaportal.org/features/south-africas-waning-soft-power-nigerian-perspective/>.
6. Onyekwena, C. Adeniran, A. & Momoh, A. (2017) “Youth Employment and Labour Market Vulnerability: Aggregate Trends and Determinants”. Forum on Expanding Youth Learning and Opportunity Pathways in, and Linked to, West Africa. Accra, Ghana.