

# DIPLOMATIC DIARY

*of* AMB. BENA OYAGHA B.M. OKOYEN

FROM HAVANA \_\_\_\_\_



**His Excellency**

**AMB. BENA OYAGHA B.M. OKOYEN**

**Nigerian Ambassador to Cuba**

with concurrent accreditation to Honduras, Nicaragua, and Bahamas

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## THE AMBASSADOR'S STORY

His Excellency, Amb. Benaoyagha B.M Okoyen is the Nigerian Ambassador to Cuba, with concurrent accreditation to Bahamas, Honduras and Nicaragua. Prior to his appointment, he was the Consul General of Nigeria in New York. He has served as the protocol liaison officer (PLO) as well as the Special Assistant to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, positions he held since 2011.

Previously, Amb. Ben Okoyen also served as a protocol liaison officer to the Vice President of the federal republic of Nigeria from 2008 to 2010.



Earlier in service, Amb. Okoyen held a number of positions in Bayelsa state government, including the chief of protocol in government house from 2005 to 2007, and Head of Protocol to the Deputy Governor from 1999 to 2005.

As an Oxford University trained diplomat and the Protocol School of Washington, DC certified Corporate Etiquette and International protocol specialist, Mr. Okoyen is well positioned to set a clear direction for the Embassy along with the experience team of officers to deliver the required result for Nigeria.

He is an ardent reader, and has written a number of articles which have been published on various gazettes and tabloids.

He spends his free time farming and producing dairy products.



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## INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF AMBASSADORS

AT ABUJA



The Presidency and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized a Summit & Induction of Ambassadors Designate, Consul Generals and CDAS En-tire, alongside their spouses, to ensure effective discharge of their duties in their respective countries of assignment.





## RECEIVING LETTERS OF CREDENCE

5th March, 2021

His Excellency, Amb. Benaoyagha B.M Okoyen receives his Letters of Credence from the Honorable Minister of foreign Affairs. And also spoke on behalf of his colleagues during the event.





## WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT, PROF. YEMI OSINBAJO DURING A CONFERENCE ON PATRIOTISM

Amb. Okoyen met with the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, during a conference hosted by Amb. Okoyen in Abuja.



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## COURTESY VISITS/CONSULTATIONS IN ABUJA



With Prof. Ibrahim Gambari  
Chief of Staff to President Muhammadu Buhari GCFR



Sen Babajide Omoworare, SSAP- NASS





## COURTESY VISITS IN ABUJA

His Excellency Amb. Benaoyagha Okoyen visit to Cuban Embassy in Nigeria to meeting with ambassador, Clara M. Pulido Escandell.



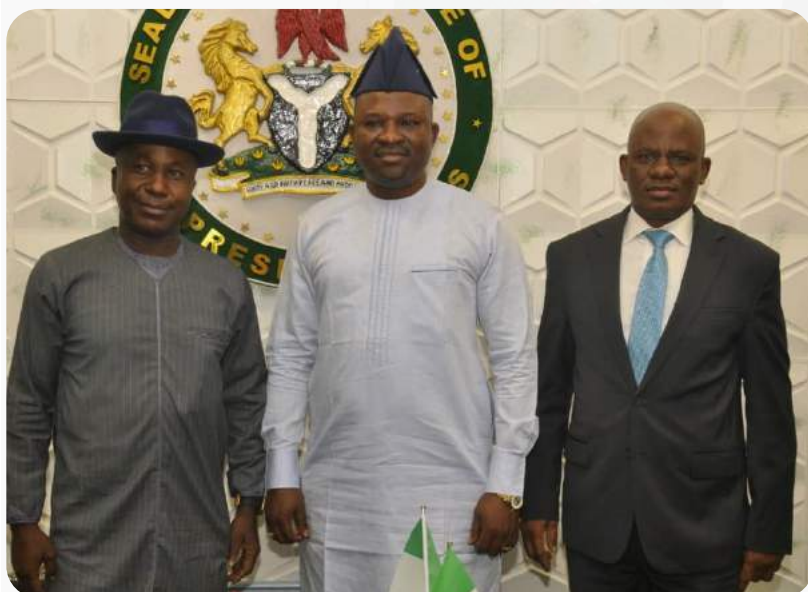




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With Prof Steve Azaiki.  
Member, House of  
Representatives from Bayelsa.



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## COURTESY VISITS/CONSULTATIONS IN ABUJA



Amb. Okoyen. with the Minister of interior  
Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola



Abassador Okoyen with  
the CG. Immigration  
Services.



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## COURTESY VISITS/CONSULTATIONS IN ABUJA



Ambassador Ben. with the DG/CEO,  
Biotechnology Development Agency (NABDA)  
**Prof Abdullahi Mustapha**



Executive Director Gov. Forum  
**Dr Abdulateef T Shittu**



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## COURTESY VISITS/CONSULTATIONS IN ABUJA



Amb. Okoyen's predecessor, Amb. Abubakar Habu Gwani visits him in Abuja.



Ambassador Okoyen. with Dr Ibrahim Wada of Premier Hospital and former Ambassador to Cuba Amb. Laraba Binta Bhutto.



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Amb Okoyen with the Hon. Minister of State for Mines and Steel Development  
**Uchechukwu Samson Ogah**



With the former Minister of Agriculture  
**Mohammed Nanono**



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Amb. Okoyen with The Hon. Minister of Science and Technology  
Dr. Ogbonnaya Onuh



Hon. Minister of Health Dr. Osagie Ehanire Hon Minister of State for Health  
Dr. Sen. Adeleke Olorunnimbe Mamora, and Cuban Ambassador with  
Ambassador Okoyen.



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HAPPY  
INDEPENDENCE  
DAY



*His Excellency*  
*Amb. Benaoyagha B.M. Okoyen*





## THE JOURNEY TO HAVANA

Amb. Okoyen and family set off for Havana. To bid him farewell were top Diplomats, including Nigeria's Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN) and President of the 74th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), Amb. Tijjani Mohammed-Bande, the new Consul General of Nigeria in New York, Amb. Lot Peter Egopija and Amb. Nicholas Ella. Also other members of staff.





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## THE AMBASSADOR ARRIVES HAVANA



Ambassador Ben Okoyen, was warmly welcomed into Cuba by a delegation of officials of the host country and staff of the Nigerian Mission.





## AMBASSADOR RESUMES DUTY

6TH MAY, 2021

Amb. Benaoyagha Okoyen resumes duty at the Nigeria embassy, Havana. He was warmly received by the HBO'S and LRS upon arrival.



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## ACCREDITATION PROCESS BEGINS

12TH MAY, 2021

Ambassador Benaoyagha Okoyen presented Copies D' Usage (credentials) to the Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister, Her Excellency, Mrs. Anayansi Rodriguez Camejo in a ceremony in Havana.



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## PRESENTATION OF LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO CUBAN PRESIDENT

23RD JUNE, 2021



His Excellency Amb. Ben Okoyen at the presentation of his Letters of Credence to President Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermudez of Cuba, on Wednesday 23rd June, 2021, in Havana.



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Amb. Okoyen with the President of Cuba.

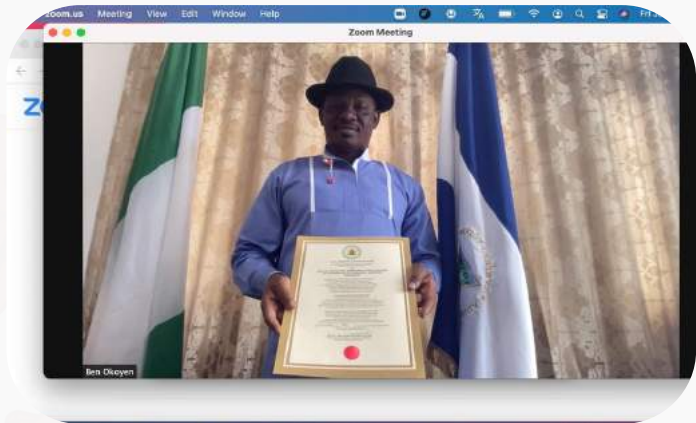




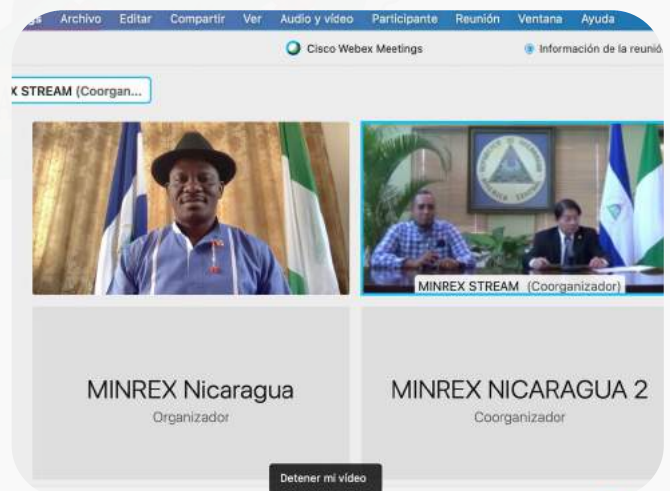
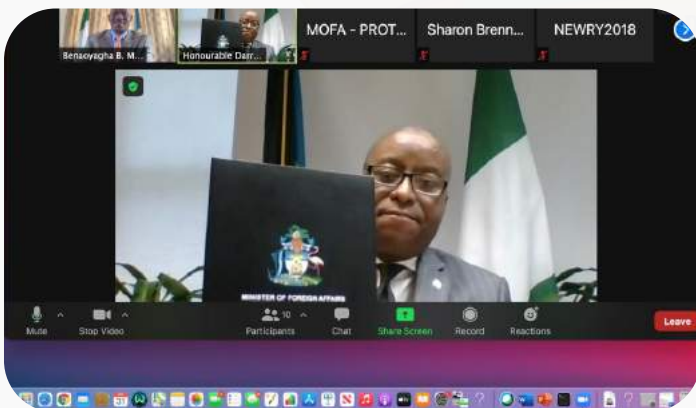
## VIRTUAL CEREMONY-COPIES D'USAGE



Virtual Ceremony of the Presentation of Ambassador Okoyen's Copies d'Usage to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, H. E. Don. Darren Allen Henfield.



Virtual Ceremony of the Presentation of Ambassador Okoyen's Copies d'Usage to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, H. E. Comrade Denis Moncada Colindres.



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## COURTESY VISITS IN HAVANNA



Amb. Okoyen's courtesy call on the Dean of the African Diplomatic Group, Ambassador of Djibouti, H. E. Mr. Nasser Mohamed Ousbou.





## CEREMONY IN HAVANA

Farewell reception for the Ambassador of Egypt, H. E. Mr. Mohamed Hisham Gamaleldin Shuair and reception for Ambassador designate of Nigeria Ambassador Benaoyagha B. M. Okoyen.







## COURTESY VISITS IN HAVANNA



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, H. E. Mr. Andrew Brent Dean.



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Nicaragua, and the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Cuba H. E. Mr. Luis Cabera Gonzalez.



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## COURTESY VISITS IN HAVANNA



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of The Gambia, H. E. Mrs. Kujrjatou Manneh



Visit by the Ghanaian Ambassador, H. E. Mr. Samuel Yaw Nsiah.



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Kenya, H. E. Mr. Anthonio Mwaniki Muchiri.



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Dominican Republic, H. E. Mr. Flavio Amaury Rondon De Jesus.



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Ambassador of Saint Kitts and Nevis,  
H. E. Mrs. Verna Mills with  
Ambassador Okoyen.



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Saint Vincent  
and The Grenadines, H. E. Mr. Ellsworth I. A. John.





## COURTESY VISITS IN HAVANNA



Courtesy call of Nigerian Nuns from the Province of Matanzas



Ambassador Okoyen with Home-Based Officers of the Embassy.



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*His Excellency*  
*Amb. Benaoyagha B.M. Okoyen*





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Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Guinea Bissau, H. E. Ms. Maria de Lourdes Batista Mendoca Tanorda Embalo.



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Gabon, H. E. Mr. Jean-Claude Moussounda.



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of the Republic of Congo, H. E. Mrs. Rosalie Kama-Niamayoua.



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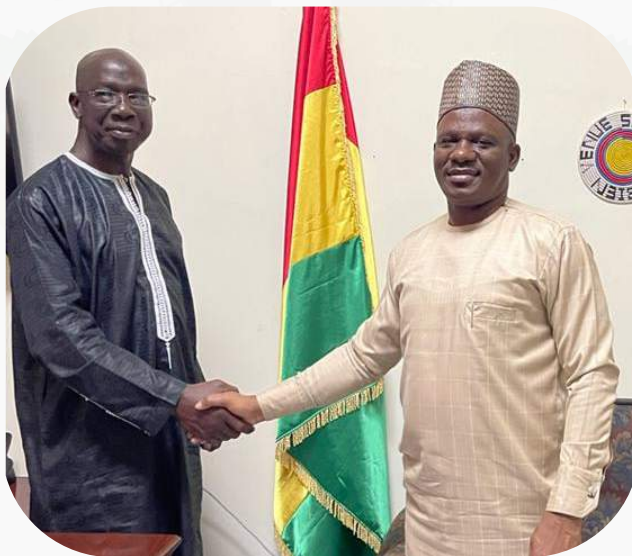
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Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Burkina Faso, H. E. Mr. Alain Thierry Jean-Baptiste Ouattara.



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Mozambique, H. E. Mr. Eliseu Joaquim Machava.



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea, H. E. Mr. Abuobacar Sidiki Camara.





## COURTESY VISITS IN HAVANA



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Ethiopia,  
H. E. Mr. Shibru Mamo Kedida.



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Tanzania,  
H. E. Mr. Valentino Longino Mlowola





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Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Niger,  
H. E. Mrs. Aminatou Batoure Gaoh.



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Namibia,  
H. E. Mr. Samuel Hendrik Goagoseb.



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Zimbabwe,  
H. E. Mr. Ignatious G. Mudzimba.





## FAREWELL CEREMONY



Farewell reception for the Ambassador of South Africa, H. E. Mrs. Thaninga Pandit Shopey-Linney.





## FAREWELL CEREMONY



At the dinner on the occasion to bid farewell to H. E. Thaninga Shopoy-Linney, Ambassador of South Africa.





## FAREWELL CEREMONY



Cocktail on the occasion to bid farewell to the Ambassador of South Africa, H. E. Mrs. Thaninga Pandit Shopoy-Linney.





## COURTESY VISITS IN HAVANNA



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Honduras, H. E. Mr. Andres Pavon Murillo.



Courtesy call by the Ambassador of Egypt, H. E. Mr. Maher El-Adawy on Amb. Okoyen





## COURTESY VISITS IN HAVANNA



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Argentina, H. E. Mr. Luis Alfredo Illarregui.



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Iran, H. E. Mr. Sayed Mohammad Hadi Sobhani.





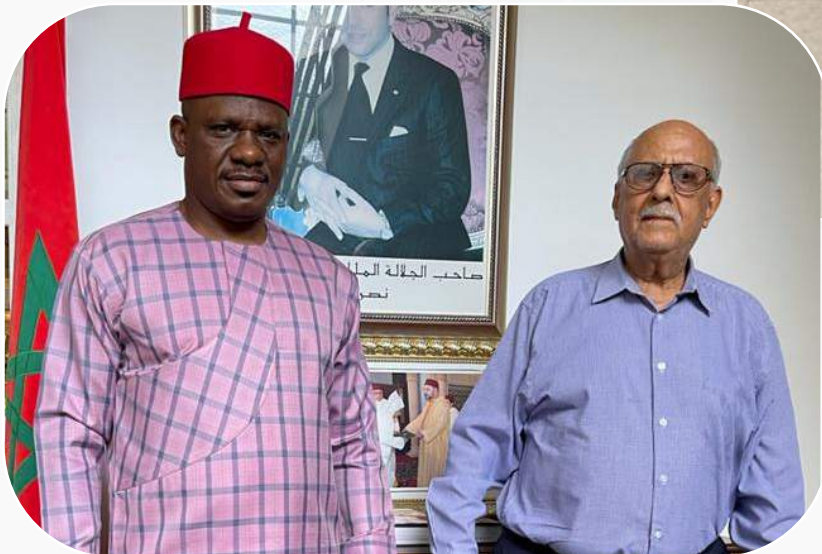
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Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Turkey, H. E. Mr. Vehbi Esgel Estensel.



Courtesy call on the Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of the United States of America, Mr. Timothy Zuniga-Brown.



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Morocco, H. E. Mr. Boughaleb El Attar.





## COURTESY VISITS IN HAVANNA



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Brazil, H. E. Mr. Roberto Colin.



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Russia, H. E. Mr. Andrei A. Guskov.



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Germany, H. E. Ms. Heidrum Tempel.







## COURTESY VISITS IN HAVANNA



Meeting with Cuban Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade and Investment, H. E. Ms. Deborah Rivas



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Mexico, H. E. Mr. Miguel Ignacio Diaz Reynoso.





## COURTESY VISITS IN HAVANNA



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Canada, H. E. Mr. Perry John Calderwood.



Visit by the Ambassador of Panama, H. E. Mr. Reinaldo E. Rivera Escudero to Ambassador Okoyen's office.





## COURTESY VISITS IN HAVANNA



Meeting with the Team from Academic Services & Foreign Business Department of Cuban Medical services.



Meeting with the United Nations Resident Coordinator, Ms. Consuelo Vidal. With the Ambassador of Djibouti, Zimbabwe and Nigeria.

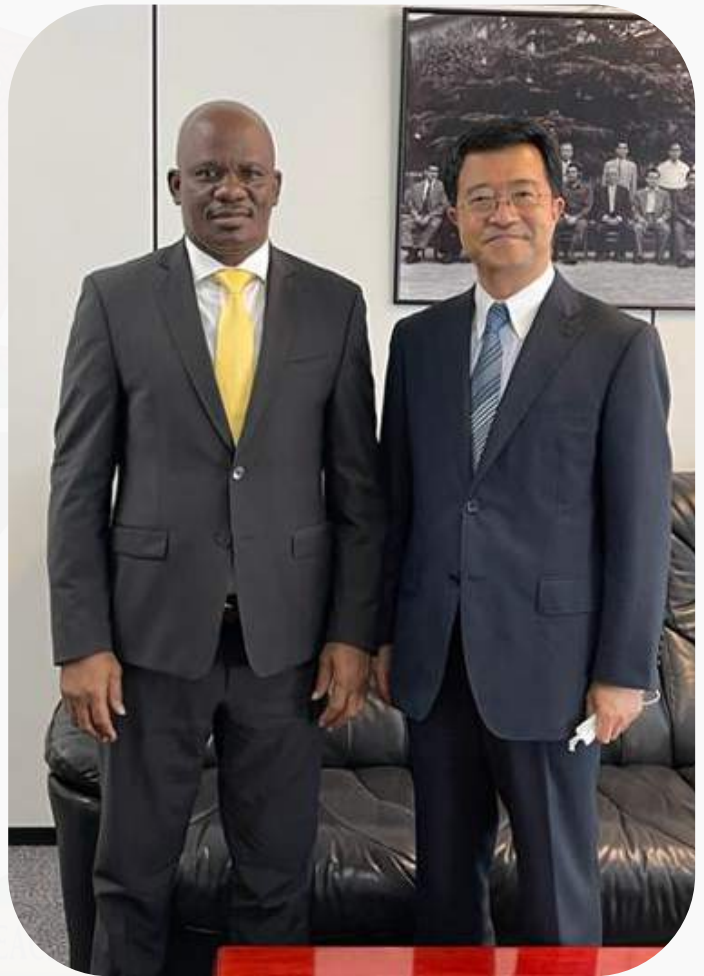




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Visit by Ambassador of Cape Verde, H. E. Ms. Edna Barreto to Ambassador Okoyen's office.



Courtesy call on the Ambassador of Japan, H. E. Mr. Hirata Kenji.



Visit by Ambassador of Angola, H. E. Mrs. Maria Candida Pereira Teixeira to Ambassador Okoyen.





## THE LAUNCH OF AN INNOVATIVE SOLUTION

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