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...promoting forthright insurance women in the industry.

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## FEATURED

# PILA HOLDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING VIRTUALLY

The Professional Insurance Ladies Association (PILA) held her annual general meeting on the 28th of May 2020.

Despite the Covid-19 situation and the imposed semi-lockdown, the first female association which was established in 1973, created another first by holding her AGM and elections of new officials virtually.

A successful outing, the election saw to the emergence of FL Joyce Ojemudia as the 13th President of the foremost female association and a leading one within the Nigerian Insurance Industry.

PILA is an advocacy group of professional women insurance practitioners that promotes gender mainstreaming and equal opportunities in the Insurance sub-sector of the financial services industry. The Association is concerned with promoting forthrightness, hard work and integrity amongst women in the Insurance Industry.

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"It's the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting" - Paulo Coelho, The Alchemist

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



**It has been a roller coaster of events since the onset of year 2020 and indeed a unique year. A leap year indeed! And an eventful last quarter.**

We entered year 2020 with the news of the Corona Virus (Covid 19) in China. Before we knew it, the spread became global with devastating footprints across the globe. Finally, the virus entered the shores of Nigeria and we joined the whole world in being Locked down.

The second quarter of 2020 saw the end of an amazing tenure of our Immediate Past President FL Ose Oluyanwo. Her tenure themed "Together we can" was a huge success with various laudable achievements. We say a big well-done to IPP FL Ose Oluyanwo and her team!

We have had some highs and some lows. The lows came with the sudden passing away of the husband of our dear Immediate Past President, Late Pastor. Kehinde Oluyanwo and our colleague at Prestige Assurance Plc, Late FL. Josephine C. Gbuji.

Against all odds we witnessed the investiture and swearing in of FL Joyce Ojemudia as the 13th President of PILA! This was accomplished with the first ever online AGM and elections ever conducted in the financial sector and in our country Nigeria. A landmark event indeed!

We say congratulations to President FL Joyce Ojemudia and her vibrant team and wish them a successful tenure as they embark on a journey of "MISSION TO MOVEMENT", taking our esteemed association to greater heights.

**The new tenure also ushers in a new editorial team! We have a seven- member Education Committee with the following forthright ladies:**

1. FL. Tola Sotade – Zenith General Insurance.
2. FL Bunmi Igetsi – CEO, Johnson Enterprises.
3. FL Joyce Odiachi – FIN Insurance
4. FL Folayemi Babafemi - Hogg Robinson
5. FL Abiola Akinsanya – Capital Express Assurance
6. FL Wuraola Adebajo – Niger Insurance Plc
7. FL Grace Fadare – Nigeria Life & Providence Co. Limited

Our goal is to make learning interesting and something to look forward to, with full participation by all professional ladies in our industry. One of the new innovations we are bringing on board is digitalizing our Newsletter which is the one you are reading now!

The Education Committee has fully embraced the theme "**Mission to Movement**". Here we go! Look out for Technical Trainings, Leadership and Soft Skill Training that will meet our manpower capacity building objectives for both experienced members, young members and older members preparing for self-employment. Insurance awareness programs will not just be limited to Secondary Schools but will be extended to Universities, Polytechnics and the general public.

**It's going to be an exciting ride! So, hop on and let's go!!!**

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"Success doesn't just find you.... "The harder you work for something, the greater you feel when you achieve it"

## FL OSE OLUYANWO TAKES A BOW AS 12th PILA PRESIDENT



Having served her 2-year tenure, FL Ose Oluyanwo took a glorious bow and ushered in the new President.

In her speech, FL Oluyanwo gave a run-down of activities carried out during the period which included, the International Education Seminar which held in Kenya, the Career Talk for Secondary Schools Students, and the continuation of the PILA Secretariat Building Project, amongst others.

The immediate past president (IPP) thanked every member for their support during her tenure. She further congratulated the new President and the newly elected EXCO, wishing them a successful tenure.

## PILA HOLDS VIRTUAL OATH TAKING CEREMONY

Despite the ongoing restrictions due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the first female association in Nigeria held another first by having its Oath Taking and Swearing-In Ceremony of her 13th President virtually.

This was witnessed by the Honourable Commissioner for Insurance Mr. Olorundare Sunday Thomas and other top echelon of the insurance industry, dignitaries, past PILA presidents, colleagues, friends and family of the newly elected President - FL Joyce Ojemudia. Also in attendance were the CIIN President - Mr Eddy Efekoha, the Chairman - NIA, Mr Tope Smart, Director General, NIA - Mrs. Yetunde Ilori amongst others.

## PILA KICKS OFF WITH PRAYERS

Having concluded the elections, the newly elected EXCO kicked off their tenure with a 3-Day Prayer Session led by the Elders and Past Presidents of the Association.

According to the President FL Joyce Ojemudia, bringing in God coupled with dedication, hard-work and team-work, the association was poised to move further and achieve greater heights.



Dont watch the clock, do what it does. Keep going! - SAM LEVENSON

## FL JOYCE ADAUGO OJEMUDIA BECOMES 13TH PILA PRESIDENT



The Professional Insurance Ladies Association (PILA) at her recent AGM held on the 28th May 2020, has elected FL Joyce Ojemudia as the new President for the next two years.

Taking over from FL Ose Oluyanwo, FL Ojemudia becomes the 13th President of PILA, a body which serves as an equal opportunities group in the Insurance sub-sector of the Financial Services industry, concerned with promoting integrity, conduct, forthrightness and professional development of her women within the Insurance Industry.

FL Ojemudia brings to bear two decades of versatile work experience in the insurance industry and a wealth of knowledge to help propel the association and the industry forward. In her acceptance speech on Friday, May 29, 2020, the new President pledged her teams drive to continue to build on the strength and accomplishments of their predecessors, whilst also embarking on new projects that will be passionately championed. She said the focus of this tenure would be anchored on the theme: 'Mission to Movement'.

## PILA CONDEMNS RISING CASES OF RAPE & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

During a visit to the Lagos State Commissioner for Women Affairs – Mrs. Cecilia Bolaji Dada, PILA has joined their voice with other well-meaning Nigerians, civil society groups and non-governmental organizations to condemn the abysmal rise in cases of rape and domestic violence in the country.



Speaking on behalf of the association, the President of PILA, FL Joyce Ojemudia, noted that the association decided to voice out as this barbaric action against women particularly the underaged does not only dehumanize the victims, but destroys their career and future.

She noted the fact that these cases have assumed higher dimensions in recent times and this calls for the need of government to rise to its responsibility to protect women and children. FL Ojemudia urged government to put stricter measures in place to ensure culprits are brought to book and justice given to victims.

The new President of PILA said part of her focus during the two-year tenure will be to create strategic alliances with Federal and State Ministries of Women Affairs and other female Professional groups for mutually beneficial relationships with the intention to make the voice of PILA more heard in the scheme of things within the country.

## PILA HOLDS STRATEGY MEETING FOR KEY OFFICERS

To ensure that the newly elected executives and committee members are poised to perform optimally and serve the association, a strategy session with the theme - "Mission to Movement" was held.

This was to assist the new EXCO align all plans and programs with the vision and mission of the association and chart ways to move the association forward. With well experienced facilitators versed in human capacity building such as Abi Longe and Mr. Babatunde Williams, the 2-Day Session was warmly enlightening, empowering and thought-provoking.

WE WISH THEM THE WINGS TO FLY...

A purple poster for the 'PILA EXCO STRATEGY SESSION'. The theme is 'MISSION TO MOVEMENT' and it is a '2 DAY TRAINING SESSION'. The dates are '27th &amp; 28th JUNE 2020'. The venue is '200M VIRTUAL MEETING'. The facilitators are 'ABI LONGE, Human Capacity Developer and Inspirational Coach' and 'BABATUNDE THOMAS, Insurance Broker with a passion for Education &amp; Capacity Building'. The moderator is 'FL JOYCE OJEMUDIA, President, PILA' and 'FL TOLA SOTADE, Education Secretary, PILA'. The session focuses on 'TEAM BUILDING - LEADERSHIP TRAINING'.

"Try not to be a man of success, but rather become a man of value" - Albert Einstein

## MEET YOUR NEW EXCO

Following the elections, a new executive council was elected to work with the 13th President.

These are the newly elected executives;



**FL MARGARET MOORE**  
Deputy President



**FL ABIMBOLA ONAKOMAIYA**  
Vice President



**FL MFON AKPAN**  
General Secretary



**FL EUCHARIA ONUORAH**  
Internal Auditor



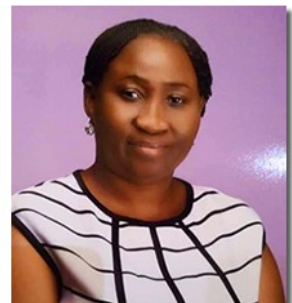
**FL OMOTOLA SOTADE**  
Education Secretary



**FL KELECHI ATULOMA**  
Social Secretary



**FL OLIVE DON-OKAFOR**  
Assitant Gen. Secretary



**FL TOYIN OLANIYAN**  
Finance Secretary



**FL OMOLARA POSI-ADEYAYO**  
Treasurer




**FL FATIMAT KESHINRO**  
Membership Secretary

"The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and ability to affect those around him positively" - Bob Marley

## PILA MOURNS WITH ONE OF HER OWN - FL. OSE OLUYANWO LOSES HUSBAND

The immediate past PILA President FL. Ose Oluyanwo recently lost her husband Pastor Kenny Oluyanwo. Pastor Kenny as he was fondly called by all who knew him, was a strong supporter of his wife and of PILA.

We all as a family, mourn with our dear Immediate Past President and pray that God grants eternal rest to the soul of Pastor Oluyanwo.



**TRANSITION to GLORY**

With heavy heart but total submission to the will of God. The Ogunyanwo family announce the passing on to glory of their Son, Brother, Uncle, Father & husband, Pastor Kehinde Oluyanwo, aged 54years old.

**BURIAL ARRANGEMENT:**

**Service of Songs**  
Thursday May 14, 2020 will be live on Zoom starting 4:30pm to 6:00pm. The link is <https://bit.ly/2YY63vi>  
Meeting: ID 811 2616 8352 Password: 1004

**Interment:**  
will take place on Friday May 15, 2020 and will be live streamed on YouTube. kindly follow this link to attend Youtube live stream <https://forms.gle/mTbqH5RYM&FJ9BA>

**Tributes to be sent via:**  
<http://kennyoluyanwo.forevermissed.com/>

**Survived By:** Wife, daughter, Mother and siblings

**PASTOR KEHINDE OLUYANWO**  
Aged 54years

Signed: Taiwo Ogunyanwo

## PILA MOURNS AS WE LOST FL. JOSEPHINE GBUJI

PILA mourn as we lost one of our very own – FL JOSEPHINE GBUJI who passed away on 22nd May 2020. Before her death, FL. Gbuji was the AGM, Marketing Prestige Assurance Plc.

She was a very committed member of PILA and active at all events. Known for her ever smiling face and speed to put life into every gathering, FL. Gbuji was committed to one of the core pillars of the association which is raising the young women around her up the ladder, empowering them through mentorship, encouragement and technical know-how. To honor her, the association held a Night of Tribute on 11th June 2020. We pray that God grant her eternal rest, Amen.



**PROGRAMME OF EVENT**  
Date: Thursday, 11th June 2020  
Time: 4PM – 5:30pm

**NIGHT OF TRIBUTE FOR LATE FL JOSEPHINE C. GBUJI**  
Who passed into eternal glory on 22nd May, 2020

"Successful people are not gifted, they just work hard, then succeed on purpose" - G.K. Nielson

## PROTECTING ONESELF DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The past few months have been quite eventful and has seen the whole world having to adapt to a different way of living. Covid-19, a global pandemic has turned out to be a deadly virus that threatens the very existence of humanity.

The first case in 2019 in Wuhan, China where the virus was identified to have started was in Wuhan market where live animals were sold. From January 2020 till date, there are an estimated 1.99 million cases reported worldwide and the number is still increasing. Unfortunately, there currently, is no known cure or vaccine and as such all we can do is obey the rules of hygiene and keep safe.

Article title: COVID-19 situation update worldwide, as of 18 July 2020  
 Website title: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control  
 URL: <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/geographical-distribution-2019-ncov-cases>  
 (Accessed on July 18, 2020)

### CORONA VIRUS DO'S AND DON'TS

#### DO'S

**Wash your hands:** regular handwash for 20-30 seconds will help avoid infection. Use soap or hand sanitizer whenever you touch anything.

**Cover your mouth and nose:** while sneezing or coughing or when next to anyone doing same.

**Consult a Doctor if sick:** If you have a cold, cough, catarrh, vomiting, shortness of breath.

**Stay indoors:** Avoid crowded places. Wear face masks and full sleeve shirts. Staying in-doors is a safe option

#### DON'TS

**Avoid close contact with others:** Do not touch, hug others. Use masks when interacting with others.  
**Do not spit on roads:** Spitting can increase the spread. Avoid it and getting close to sick people

**Avoid unnecessary travel by public transport:** Go only when important. Minimize external movements by public transport.

**Avoid self-medication:** If you have any of the symptoms, please do not self-medicate. See your doctor immediately.

**Don't panic, maintain hygiene:** Avoid fear, maintain the hygiene by washing hands regularly.

**Don't touch your face:** Do not touch your mouth, eyes and nose.

**KEEP SAFE! - STAY SAFE!!**  
**AVOID M.E.N!.**



## GENERAL INFORMATION

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## RECENT EVENTS

- > 2020 Council Elections of the Chartered Insurance Institute of Nigeria (CIIN) - 8TH July 2020 - 15TH July 2020
- > CIIN/LBS 2020 Knowledge Series - 9TH July 2020
- > CIIN AGM - 15TH July 2020
- > CIIN Investiture - 21ST July 2020
- > NIA Digital 101 Webinar - 25TH July 2020

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- > ILAN Investiture - August 2020
- > Bi- Monthly Meeting - 18th September 2020
- > Bi- Monthly Training; Topic - FORTHRIGHTNESS - Catalyst for Growth, Progress & Success - 18th September 2020.
- > RIMSON National Conference - (Tentatively) 22nd & 23rd October, 2020.

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