

# Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient



**Gbenga Oyebode** is a co-founder and former chairman of the Nigerian law firm Aluko & Oyebode, where he is currently of counsel, advising corporations on matters relating to energy and natural resources, telecommunications, project finance, and aviation.

Gbenga is passionate about education and the arts. He serves on the Global Advisory Council of the African Leadership Academy and is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a director of Teach for All. He is also chairman of the board of PZ Cussons Nigeria Plc, the African Philanthropy Forum, and sits on the boards of EnterpriseNGR Professional Advocacy Group, Assets Management Group Limited, the Ford Foundation, Carnegie Hall, Jazz at Lincoln Center, the Rele Arts Foundation, Rele Gallery, Teach for Nigeria, and he is a member of the Cleveland Museum of Arts International Collectors Council.

Gbenga holds one of Nigeria's highest honors, as a member of the Order of the Federal Republic. He is a recipient of the Belgian royal honor of Knight of the Order of Leopold.

Gbenga holds bachelor of laws degrees from the University of Ife and the Nigerian Law School, a master of laws degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and he is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association and the International Bar Association. Gbenga is also a graduate of the advanced management program at Harvard Business School.