

## **PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER CHIEDOZIE EZE**

**B. Agric (Hons) M.Sc., Ph.D(UNN), L.L.B, B.L, Dip. in SMEs.**



**PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER CHIEDOZIE EZE** was born in Kano, at a time his father was serving there as a staff of the Nigerian Railway Corporation, prior to his retirement and home ward relocation in 1966. Christopher had his early education at the community primary school Atonerim Ihitte (1970-75) followed by a secondary training at Boys' High School Ihitte in Ihitte/Uboma (1975-1980).

Following his secondary education, Christopher Eze secured admission to the University of Nigeria Nsukka in 1981 to read Agricultural Economics. He pursued his studies with diligence between 1981 and 1986, and graduated Bachelor of Agricultural Economics (with Second Class Honours) in 1986. He proceeded for his National Youths Service in Benin City (1986/87) and soon returned to the University of Nigeria in 1989 for postgraduate studies - he trained between 1989 and 1991 for M.Sc in Agricultural Economics, and from 1991-1996 to bag a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics (1996), based on a major thesis on "Community Development Associations and fund Mobilization for Rural Development Projects in Imo State, Nigeria". He worked briefly in his Department as an Assistant Lecturer in 1992 having graduated as the best graduating student in 1990/1991 academic session.

Christopher Chiedozie Eze's substantive work experience commenced in 1992 with an appointment as a Senior Training Officer under the National Board for Community Banks, under the presidency .He served in this capacity up till 2002 when he sought and secured a teaching Appointment with the Federal University of Technology Owerri. He was appointed a Lecturer I in the Department of Agricultural Economics, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology. Over the years also he has supervised scores of undergraduate and postgraduate students and taught courses and served as Team Leader for some major Research Projects, including especially works on "Cassava Post-Harvest Needs Assessment surveys for Ebonyi State, Enugu State, and Anambra State respectively. And the competitiveness of high quality cassava flour survey in South East, Nigeria(2015).

Based on his extensive research contributions, Christopher Eze has published numerous Scientific Articles in local and International Journals. Among other things he has to his credit over ninety Journal Articles in peer- reviewed Journals; plus about four Technical Reports and an extensive profile of Papers presented at various Conferences and Workshops locally and overseas. As should be expected, his teaching experience, research works and publications earned for him some due recognition and steady career progression, from the rank of Lecturer I (2002-2005) to Senior Lecturer (2005 – 2008), Reader/Associate Professor (2008 -2011) and ultimately to the status of a full- fledged Professor of Agricultural Economics in FUTO in 2011. He was the 24<sup>th</sup> Inaugural Lecturer in FUTO. He has a book to his credit entitled Dynamics of Agribusiness, Finance and Farm Assets planning published in 2016

Professor Christopher Eze has served in various Administrative and Management positions in the University system over the past years. These include his services as:

Chairman SAAT Seminars and Workshops Committee	- (2002
Chairman SAAT Committee on University Farm Project	-(2007)
Associate Dean, Postgraduate School, FUT0,	- (2008- 2011)
Chairman, PGS Curriculum Review Committee	- (2009)
Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, SAAT,	- (2012-2015)
Member, Unified Cadre Appraisals Committee, FUT0	- (2012)
Chairman University Protocol Committee	- (2012 -2015)
Chairman ,University Ceremonials Committee	- (2016-- date)
Director , Centre for Entrepreneurship	2017
Member , 11 <sup>TH</sup> Governing Council of FUT0	2017
Member , 6 <sup>th</sup> Governing Council National Commission for Colleges of Education	2018

Professor C.C. Eze has also served as Specialist Consultant and Team Leader for various Agricultural Projects sponsored by the Imo State Government (2003-2005), the International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (2004), The World Bank/FGN/ADB Project and the United Nations Development Program (2006 - 2007) and as Team Member of a USA1D/IFPRI Global Food Security Response Project (2000). In addition. Christopher C. Eze served as a Visiting/Adjunct Professor at Imo State University, Owerri (2008/2009), UNN his Alma Mater, (2013/2015) Kogi State University,(2012), Ghent University Belgium (2009), Humboldt university Berlin (2009), Wageningen University of Research , Netherlands and Nitra University of Agriculture , Slovakia (2009) .

A devoted Economist, with outstanding Social Inclinations, Christopher Eze is gifted with the unique attributes of boundless resourcefulness, and an enthusiastic zeal for knowledge, justice and fair play. No wonder he found time, in spite of his very busy schedules, to read Law; and between 1999 and 2008 he had bagged the twin qualifications of LL.B (University of Nigeria, Nsukka) and B.L. (Nigerian Law School).

Furthermore, he has earned some due recognitions, research fellowships and awards from the following, during the past few years: -

- ❖ German Support for Africa, International Award on Ecology (2008)
- ❖ European-Commission Erasmus Mundus fellowship in Agriculture and Rural Development (2009).
- ❖ Agricultural Economics Society, U.K. Research Award for conference attendance (2010).
- ❖ Associate Fellow of the African Heritage Institution, Nigeria (2011)
- ❖ Expert Consultancy assignments on Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Management and Development Projects in various States of Nigeria (2012-2015)
- ❖ Jerusalem pilgrim
- ❖ Research grant BY FUTO AND TETFUND RESEARCH GRANT 2015/2016 .
- ❖ Member, Technical Brainstorm session on knowledge management and Theory of Change for food security on the UNDP /Global Environment Facility Project entitle Fostering Sustainability and Resilience for Food security in Sudan Sahel Nigeria 2016
- ❖ Life member Nigerian Association of Agricultural Economists
- ❖ FELLOW NIGERIAN ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMISTS (2016)and Vice president 1 of the Association

Professor Christopher Chiedozi Eze is committed and devout Anglican Christian. He is happily married to Mrs. Victoria Chinedum Eze (Nee Ifediora). The marriage is blessed with three children (Chibuikem Eze (son) Chimnanu Eze (daughter) and Chukwunonyerem Eze (son).