

Angela Ajala, candidate for Vice President Membership

Name and	AJALA, Angela		
first name			
Member of	BPW Abudja, Nigeria		
Nominated by	BPW Nigeria		
Consent of			
own Affiliate			
For position of	Vice President Membership		
BPW Offices	Club: Vice President 2008-2010		
held	Federation: National President, Trustee 2010-2016		
	BPW International: Member Standing Committee UN 2010-2013		
Positions in	Deputy National President: African Women Entrepreneurship Program (3 years)		
other	Board Member: The Irede Foundation (4 years)		
Voluntary	Board Member: Team Member (3 years)		
Organisations	Board Chair: Educate Nigeria Initiative (6 years)		
	1. Bio-Data		
cv	NATIONALITY: NIGERIAN		
	DATE OF BIRTH: 18TH APRIL, 1962 MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED		
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	2. COMPETENCY PROFILE		
	An exceptionally competent, highly motivated, principled multitalented, multifunctional and sea		
	Nigerian Entrepreneur.		
	I possess a rich academic and professional background which has equipped and suits me aptly to handle a portfolio and deliver on a mandate of positive and progressive change.		
	I have developed and express my strength as an educational reformer in five core competencies,		
	achieving the following strides, among others, in the areas of:		
	• INSTITUTION PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT		
	EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY FORMULATION		
	CURRICULUM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT		
	GENDER ISSUES AND ADVOCACY		
	MENTORING AND COACHING		

3. EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

S/N	DATE	INSTITUTION	QUALIFICATION	
1	2015	Center for African Business Education (CABE) U.K	African Business Management (ABM) Level 6 certificate	
2	2015	Red Cross International	Basic First Aider Certificate	
3	2011	Pan Africa University - Lagos Business School	Certificate in Entrepreneurial Management	
4	2008	University of Stellenbosch Business School, South Africa (ALS Programme)	Certificate of participation in Management and Strategic Development	
5	2005	National Teachers Institute, Abuja	Advanced Diploma in Guidance and Counseling	
6	1999	Leadership Training Institute, Singapore	Advanced Certificate in Leadership	
7	1999	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria	M.A. English (Best Graduating Student and best M.A. Thesis)	
8	1992	Digital Information Service Centre, Kaduna	Certificate in Computer Studies	
9	1990	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria	Post Graduate Diploma in Education (Distinction)	
10	1986	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria	B.A (Hons.) English 2 nd Class Upper Division	

SKILLS

I am skilled in strategic planning, Human Resource Management, interfacing with relevant agencies and organizations, innovation techniques, developing Whole School Policies, curriculum development, teacher training, growing entrepreneurs, communicating, analysis, interpersonal and multi-cultural integration, advocacy, lobbying, negotiating, conflict resolution and mentoring.

4. POSITIONS HELD AND ROLES

S/N	DATE	POSITION/APPOINTMENT
1.	2006 to date	Executive Director, Ladela Schools
2.	2013-2015	Member, Governing Board of National Board for Technical Education
3.	2015- 2017	Deputy National President, African Women Entrepreneurship Programme
4.	2010 – 2016	National President, Business and Professional Women (BPW) Nigeria
5.	2009 to date	Mentor and Lead Coach, Department of Quality Assurance, Education Secretariat, F.C.T
6.	2011 to date	Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Educate Nigeria Initiative (ENI)
7.	2009 to date	Director/ Senior Consultant School Resource Centre
8.	Ongoing	Secretary, Board of Trustees, Team Member
9.	Ongoing	Member, Board of Trustees, Irede Foundation
10.	Ongoing	Advisory Board Member, Enterprise Development Centre, Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos

5. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES:

I believe in giving back to society and reaching out to the vulnerable and less privileged. I serve in community building and bridging activities and projects in various capacities including:

- Team Member, Member, Board of Trustees
- The Irede Foundation, Member, Board of Trustees
- Children Orphaned by HIV/AIDS Initiative, Secretary
- Widows Support Group, Abuja, Coordinator
- •Educate Nigeria Initiative (ENI), Chairperson, Board of Trustee

Statement

I AM READY

I am ANGELA AJALA, an exceptionally competent, highly motivated, principled, multifaceted, multitasking and seasoned educationist, trainer, administrator and entrepreneur.

I possess a rich academic and professional background, which equips me to handle the office of BPW Vice President, Membership. I have the capacity to deliver on a mandate of positive and progressive change.

As a sixteen-year member of this great organisation, I have served in various capacities both locally and internationally. I have the requisite skills, knowledge, passion and drive to serve on the International Executive. I am a lifelong learner with a good sense of humour, team player and unifier.

I have attended and been a delegate at 3 BPW International Congresses; participated in over 3 leadership summits; represented BPW Nigeria at CSW for over ten years and been a D20 delegate twice.

I am known to be a great mobiliser and campaigner, forging strategic partnerships and collaborations.

Being voted BPW Vice President, Membership, there are almost immediate implications as follows:

- 1. **Reputational trust goes up:** My reputation and integrity go before me.
- 2. **Resource advantage:** Many important personalities and organizations believe in me and would be happy to partner with BPW.
- 3. **Increased Enrolment:** As a networker, mobiliser and cross- continental friend, I am willing to explore associations, partnerships and strategies that will firm up our enrolment status and increase our membership base by more than 10% every 12 months.
- 4. **Increased Empowerment:** We will provide through negotiation, capacity building and mentorship, access to finance, markets, and opportunities across our membership divide.
- 5. I will provide excellent customer service for BPW members through the co-ordinators.
- 6. Use our members to negotiate perks and discounts from multinationals and other organisation.

As the National President, BPW Nigeria, I have had to design, implement and partner with various development institutions on projects focused on advocacy, mentoring, networking, skills building and economic empowerment of vulnerable groups. We consolidated on high quality capacity training for members; encouraged participation with international organisations; introduced retreats; developed guidelines for running local clubs; set up and established a co-operative scheme to support members and organized a mentoring scheme for members.

I am presently the National Deputy President of African Women Entrepreneurship Programme (A.W.E.P) and also currently serve as an Advisory Board Member for Enterprise Development Centre – Pan Atlantic University Lagos.

I have been and shall continue to be a caregiver, teacher, an administrator, policy formulator, entrepreneur, strategist, networker, mentor and collaborator in every capacity that I am opportuned to serve within BPW and her allied partners. I am passionate about the youth, the girl-child, advocacy, entrepreneurship, gender issues and community development, which form the bedrock of our great organization.

	A choice to make me Vice President, Membership is largely a step in the right direction. Our esteemed organization deserves a Vice President who is energetic, visionary, astute and influential. There may be several of such across our continent and on the globe but not more than a few are as ready as I am.
Supporting Statement	SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR ANGELA AJALA NOMINEE FOR THE POST OF VICE PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP, IFBPW Angela Ajala was one of the pioneer members of BPW Abuja, Nigeria in 2001 and was key to mobilizing many members to join the newly created BPW Abuja Club at its inception. She continuously worked hard to increase membership and put the BPW Abuja Club at the forefront and there are 5 Clubs now in Abuja. Her performance inevitably brought her to the post of BPW Nigeria National President in 2010, a post she held for two terms, 6 years. Her tenure experienced significant increase in membership participation, attendance at local, national and international events and increased visibility both at national and international fronts. Her great strength in collaboration and forging strategic partnerships with Government and Non Governmental Organizations made BPW Nigeria very relevant in the nation especially when it relates to women issues. Her sense of responsibility, integrity and passion for the progress of women has endeared her to many and her passion for the young ladies is responsible for the strong YoungBPW Chapter in Abuja. She certainly has a lot to bring to the above post.
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