



PROF ELIKEM NUTIFAF A KUENYEHIA

Independent Non-Executive Director

Prof. Elikem Nutifafa Kuenyehia is a Corporate Lawyer, Entrepreneur and Business Advisor focused on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Africa with over 15 years' experience of advising international companies in respect of investments in Africa across a multitude of industries including financial services, technology, advertising and telecoms.

He founded Oxford & Beaumont Solicitors (with offices in Accra and London), a globally recognised leading African law firm which merged with ENSAfrica in 2015. He acted as Chairman of ENSAfrica Ghana and a director of ENSAfrica Inc.

Prior to starting the firm, he was part of the start-up team that established United Bank of Africa (then Standard Trust Bank) Ghana where he led four divisions: strategy, brand management, business services and legal/regulatory.

Highlights of his transactional experience include advising on the \$990 million acquisition of Ghana Telecoms by Vodafone, then the single largest privatisation in Ghana's history and the debut \$750M Government of Ghana Eurobond. Earlier in his career, he worked as an International Banking lawyer at the London office of Linklaters LLP and has had stints in strategy and brand management at Diageo- North America.

He currently serves on the board of Ghana's State Interests and Governance Authority as nominee of the President of Ghana. He has held non-executive board positions at Google Ghana, Hollard Insurance Ghana and Chase Petroleum. Legal 500 named him one of only three law firm leaders who clients consider to be 'at the pinnacle of the legal profession in Ghana'.

His other accolades include World Economic Forum's Young Global Leader, Forbes/CNBC West Africa Young Business Leader the Year, Ghana's Most Promising Entrepreneur and is currently shortlisted for the Millennium Excellence Foundation's Entrepreneurship Award. He is the founder of the Kuenyehia Prize for Contemporary African Art which identifies West Africa's most outstanding visual artists and supports them with finance and mentoring.

Considered a thought leader on entrepreneurship in Africa, he has written extensively on the subject and is author of an undergraduate textbook on the subject. He has been an adjunct lecturer in entrepreneurship and delivered speeches (including keynotes and a commencement address) to global audiences of up to 2000 people. He has been quoted or featured in a number of legal and business publications including Forbes Africa, The Financial Times, Africa Report, African Business, Business World, Legal Week and Managing Partner. Radio and television appearances include CNBC, BBC Television, BBC World Service, Joy FM and Citi FM.

Prof. Kuenyehia earned a BA in jurisprudence from the University of Oxford and an MBA in entrepreneurship, marketing and finance from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. He is a Professor of Practice at University of Buckingham

He was appointed to the Board of Access Bank (Ghana) Plc on 16th August 2022