

Curriculum Vitae`
Rochas Anayo Okorochoa

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DATE OF BIRTH: 22nd September, 1962

PLACE OF ORIGIN: Ogboko, Ideato South Local Government Area of Imo State, Nigeria



PERSONAL PROFILE:

Owelle Rochas Anayo Okorochoa is a unique Nigerian, a great Philanthropist of no equal measure, teacher and educationist, an orator, an apostle of peace, a detribalized Nigerian, politician, great business mogul whose name is synonymous with success, father to thousands of poor Nigerian children, symbol of the New Generation, standard bearer of a new Nigeria, Emperor of the Disabled, an accomplished administrator and presently a Governorship Candidate for Imo State under the All Peoples Grand Alliance (APGA) flag.

Owelle Rochas Okorochoa holds a Masters degree in Law. He is versed in local, national, and international policies and global trends in economic development. He has effectively initiated leadership standards at various forms of public endowment and has assisted government agencies and parastatals in initiating ideas, implementing programs, managing public projects and shaping public policies. He has implanted progressive measures and elevated lives by bringing about strategic changes with proven and visible economic or social enhancements. As a philanthropist, he is unconditionally committed to alleviating the plight of the less-privileged in the society as a basis for economic emancipation and social justice. His foundation, the Rochas Foundation, provides materials, educational and medical sponsorship for the less privileged. An ardent believer in the ability of man to determine his destiny, Rochas Okorochoa believes that with hard work, faith in God, honesty and objective planning, all good things are possible and his life has been a fitting testimony to this belief. As he often says: "I see injustice and I ask, why not justice? I see poverty and I ask, why not affluence? I see the less privileged and I say, why not Rochas Foundation? I see indigent children unable to acquire education and I say, why not Rochas Foundation Colleges?" In pursuit of these visions, he established the Rochas Foundation College system, a FREE comprehensive secondary educational institution that offers free tuition, boarding, feeding, transportation and medical care to over three thousand (3,000) Nigerian children from less-privileged families annually.

He is a holder of numerous titles from communities and associations within and outside the country in appreciation of his service to humanity. He was conferred with the traditional titles of "Owelle Ndi Igbo" and "Dan Jekan Sokoto" in a unique and unprecedented ceremony by the body of traditional rulers of the Southeast and the North led by the Chairman of the Southeast Forum of Traditional Rulers, Eze (Dr.) Ezo Ukandu, JP and the Late Sultan of Sokoto, His Eminence, Alhaji Muhammadu Maccido (CFR). He is also the Omorodun of Yoruba land; the Okala of Ehie; the Talban Gwagwalada and Uban Talakawa. He believes that no matter the height he has attained in life, his greatest joy is in identifying with his family, his roots, the poor and less privileged in the society.

A devoted Christian and married with six children outside his many adopted children, he enjoys sports, reading, worshipping God and involving in peoples and community events especially when they concern the poor and needy. He is a man reserved by God for the right moment to lead his people to the Promised Land.

He has come to rescue Imo people!

EDUCATION:

Master of Law (LLM) University of Jos, Plateau State
Bachelor of Law (LLB) University of Jos, Plateau State
Post Graduate Diploma in Management, Benue State University
Diploma in Law, Security and Conflict Management, University of Jos, Plateau State
West African School Certificate – Juladaco Secondary School, Jos, Plateau State
Primary Education - St. Joseph Primary School, Barkin Ladi, Jos



POST EDUCATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Fellow, African Business School (FABS)
- Fellow, Federal Polytechnic, Idah
- Fellow, Federal Polytechnic, Bauchi
- Fellow, Alvan Ikoku Federal College of Education, Owerri
- Grand Fellow, Obafemi Awolowo Order of Free Education (OAU), Ile-Ife

BUSINESS/CORPORATE PROFILE SUMMARY:

- Proprietor/Owner, Kings Commercial College, Jos, Plateau State: 1984-1987
- Founder and President, Rochas Foundation Inc. and Rochas Foundation Colleges (devoted to catering for the needs of the disabled, the poor and less privileged in the society): 1996-Present
- Chairman & CEO, Rochas Group of Companies:
 - Real Estate, Construction, Commerce, Hospitality/Hotel Management, Pharmaceuticals, Finance, Aviation, Banking

POLITICAL PROFILE:

- Executive Governor, Imo State of Nigeria (All Peoples Grand Alliance - APGA)
- Founding Member, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP)
- Former National Chairman of Youth Mobilization, PDP - bridge between the old and young.
- Former Presidential Candidate - 2007 PDP primaries, emerged runner-up to Late President Yar'Adua
- Former Presidential Candidate, All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) - 2003
- Former Governorship Candidate, Imo State Governorship Election – 1999
- Former Special Adviser to the President on Interparty Relations
- Former Law Maker
- Former Member, Federal Character Commission
- Former Chairman, Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA)
- Former, Pro-chancellor
- Patron, Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON)

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROFILE:

- President, Nigerian Red Cross
- Founder, Rochas Professionals and Allied Group
- Grand Patron, National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG)
- Chairman, National Peace Forum: Provided a bridge of peace among several warring groups, associations and individuals. Instrumental in peace negotiations among the youths of Niger Delta.
- Chairman, Committee for the Completion of the Ecumenical Center, Abuja (2004): Committee established by Owelle Rochas Okorochoa to raise funds for the completion of this Christian Center. In cooperation with Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), this effort contributed to the great success of the program that raised over N2 billion. The funds from the committee resulted in the successful completion of the National Ecumenical Center which had previously remained untouched for years due to lack of funds; thereby removing the shame it brought to the Christian Community in Nigeria.