

SHORT PROFILE OF GBENGA SHADARE

Gbenga Shadare completed his doctoral degree (PhD) at the University of Sheffield where he researched social protection systems in developing countries, including Nigeria. In the last few years, Gbenga has been one of the actively passionate promoters for the adoption of social policy programmes (including social protection and social work) in the global South. Hence in 2018, he co-founded, the CENTRE for SOCIAL PROTECTION and POLICY STUDIES at the University of Lagos, Nigeria.

Gbemiga is a graduate of the University of Ibadan (1986), where he obtained his Bachelor's degree. He also holds an MBA followed by Executive Management Certificate for CEOs of Small-Medium Enterprises (Owners Management Programme – OMP) of the Lagos Business School. Upon relocating to the United Kingdom in 2007, Gbenga completed an MA in Public Policy at the University of Nottingham. He is passionate about social development in sub-Saharan African. Gbenga has presented and participated in workshops/seminars/courses in various countries including South Africa, Rwanda, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Ghana, Hong Kong, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Belgium, Ireland, UK, USA and Canada. He worked in telecommunications and financial services for over 25 years and consulted for the Central Bank of Nigeria, the Federal Government of Nigeria and the Ghanaian government.

Gbemiga has also worked in different countries in Africa, Asia and Europe and sits as director on the boards of Investment Alliance Ltd., The Watermark WA Ltd, The Anti-Fraud Foundation Nigeria, Africa@UK Limited, Triple AG (3AAAG) UK Ltd and The All-African Postgraduate Research Network (AAPoRG) at the University of Sheffield. He enjoys listening to Brazilian and Gospel music in his time is an avid Japanophile!