

## Profile of Governor Amosun

A top-notch accountant and former distinguished member of the Upper Chamber of Nigeria's National Assembly, Senator Ibikunle Amosun, the governor of Ogun State, was born in Abeokuta on the 25th of January, 1958.

He attended the following citadels of learning:

African Church Primary School, Abeokuta (1965-1970);

African Church Grammar School, Abeokuta (1971-1977);

Ogun State Polytechnic, Abeokuta (now Moshood Abiola Polytechnic) (1979-1983);

and University of Westminster, London

(M.A. in International Finance, 2000).

Through industry and obsession for professional excellence, Senator Ibikunle Amosun, in 1996, became an Associate Member, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria.

Two years later - in 1998 – he became an Associate Member of the Institute of Taxation, and crowned the glorious career with his induction into the hallowed portals of the Institute of Taxation as a Fellow in 2003.

SIA, as he is fondly called, started his accounting career in 1984 as an Audit Trainee with Lanre Aremu & Co. (Chartered Accountants), where he rose to become a Manager in 1987. He was also with XtraEdge Consulting, where he was a Senior Consultant.

Senator Ibikunle Amosun later became the Principal Partner of Ibikunle Amosun & Co. (Chartered Accountants), an accounting firm of repute established in 1990 with head office in Lagos.

SIA stepped into the political space with the singular aim of giving back to humanity what he has been endowed with by the Almighty. In 2003, he was elected into the Senate of the

Federal Republic of Nigeria. During his sojourn at the Senate, he served as the Chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce. He also served as Member in the Senate Committees on Appropriation, Foreign Affairs, Privatization, as well as Security and Intelligence.

While at the Senate, Amosun lived up to his status as a Distinguished Senator by amplifying the voice of the silenced. He moved several motions and sponsored many bills on issues that touched on the day-to-day lives of not only members of his constituency but Ogun State as a whole and Nigeria in general.

He was particularly instrumental to some of the landmark reforms of the era, especially in telecommunications, customs and other strategic sectors of the Nigerian economy.

He is credited with the sponsorship of the Local Content of Solid Minerals Development Bill 2005; the Fire Service Commission (Establishment) Bill 2005; and the Income Tax Relief Bill for sport development 2005, to mention just a few.

Specifically, in 2004, Senator Ibikunle Amosun was in the vanguard of the crusade against the excessive hike in GSM tariffs. He met with the heads of Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), Nigeria Customs Service and GSM Operators. These consultations led to the reduction in GSM tariffs.

In 2007, Senator Ibikunle Amosun contested the governorship election in Ogun State on the platform of the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP). He is believed in the court of public opinion to have won the election but he accepted the judicial verdict which gave victory at the polls to the ruling party.

SIA believes that the provision of amenities and social development cannot be left to government alone. He therefore institutionalized a scholarship foundation – Senator Ibikunle Amosun Scholarship Foundation (SIASF). Its Board of Trustees was inaugurated on Thursday, July 7, 2005 and charged with the responsibility of drawing up modalities for the award of scholarships to students.

SIA has awarded scholarships to over 1,000 students of Ogun State, in various institutions of higher learning, since 1986.

Senator Amosun identifies with his people at the grassroots. He has assisted many in their various vocations and made donations for the benefit of his community. Some of these include:

- i. Trade Empowerment Scheme: donation of a 32-seater coaster bus to National Automobile Technicians Association (NATA), etc.
- ii. Community Development Scheme: sponsorship of borehole projects, construction of town halls, distribution of food items, beddings and provision of electric transformers.
- iii. Poverty Alleviation Scheme: distribution of motorcycles, grinding machines, commercial GSM handsets, and many more.
- iv. Educational Scheme: construction of classroom blocks in LGA's, scholarship awards and donation of educational materials.
- v. Agricultural Programme: distribution of motorcycles, tricycles, farm implements, etc.
- vi. Building and commissioning of administrative block at African Church Grammar School, Abeokuta (His Alma Mater).

A widely travelled man, Senator Amosun has traversed the entire five continents, bringing his wealth of experience to bear on the people he encounters daily. His love for his people has been duly recognized and accordingly reciprocated by the following awards.

1. ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT  
9110 NIGERIA: Gold Service Award
2. OLABISI ONABANJO UNIVERSITY:  
Exemplary Leadership Award
3. SENATE GROUP ISLAND CLUB LAGOS:  
Achiever's Award

4. INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF NIGERIA ABEOKUTA DISTRICT SOCIETY:  
40th Anniversary Award
5. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OGUN STATE STUDENTS: Award of Excellence
6. AFRICAN CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL OWU ABEOKUTA:  
Appreciation to a Worthy Old Student
7. ANSARUDEEN LADIES ASSOCIATION, ABEOKUTA: A Meritorious Award
8. NIGERIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD:  
Outstanding Senator of the Year 2003
9. ABEOKUTA CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY: Merit Award
10. MOSHOOD ABIOLA POLYTECHNIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ABEOKUTA  
CHAPTER: Certificate of Exemplary Honour
11. ORONNA DAY CELEBRATION: 2005  
Platinum Award For Excellence.

Senator Amosun's work rate and capability for critical thinking remain his core leadership attributes, in addition to his passion for motivating all around him to commit maximally to honesty and hard work, as keys to the attainment of a truly stable, qualitative and economically viable Nigerian nation.

On May 29, 2011, Senator Ibikunle Amosun became the governor of Ogun State on the platform of the Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN), having won a free and fair contest in the 2011 polls.

He is married to Mrs Olufunso Amosun and the blissful union has produced five children. "When I want to unwind," says the governor, "I spend quality time with my family; I enjoy good music, and I also attend social functions."