



Ejeviome Eloho Otobo

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Ejeviome Eloho Otobo is Director and Deputy Head of the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Prior to joining PBSO, he served as Deputy Director for Policy Analysis and Monitoring in the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) at the United Nations in New York, working on issues pertaining to the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and served *ex-officio* secretary to the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Panel on International Support to NEPAD.

Mr. Otobo has also previously served at the UN Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, where he worked on issues concerning the sub-regional dimensions of post conflict reconstruction and development, institutional reforms, strategic planning and economic and corporate governance. He was a member of the ADB- ECA-OAU (precursor of the African Union) Joint Secretariat Task Force on political and economic integration of Africa.

Mr. Otobo joined the United Nations after a distinguished career in the Federal Public Service of Nigeria, where he worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During the course of his diplomatic service, he served on the Policy Planning Staff of the ministry, represented his country in several countries and participated in various bi-lateral political and multilateral economic negotiations.

Mr. Otobo has contributed chapters to various books and published articles on a wide range of issues, including peacebuilding, public service reforms, institutional development, governance, regulatory policy and management and international trade. He has been invited twice to contribute to the African Development Bank flagship reports: The 2007 African Development Report on the theme of Natural Resources for Sustainable Development in Africa and the 2001 African Development Report on the theme of Fostering Good Governance in Africa.

Mr. Otobo has given lectures at a number of universities and colleges in the New York area: the City College of the City University of New York; the New School University; Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs; and The Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Otobo obtained his undergraduate education at the University of Lagos, Nigeria and did graduate studies at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Harvard, University, Cambridge Massachusetts, USA. [TAG]