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Dr. Musa's expertise is widely recognized by global financial institutions, including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), where he has facilitated high-level training programmes and advisory missions. He has played a crucial role in developing Medium-Term Debt Management Strategies and Debt Sustainability Analyses for several West African nations and sub-national entities, helping governments implement sound economic policies. Additionally, he has been actively involved in negotiating and restructuring sovereign debts with key international financial bodies, including the Paris Club. As the current Vice President of the Nigerian Economic Society, he continues to shape economic discourse, with numerous publications to his name, including co-authoring book on *Understanding Sovereign Debt: Options and Opportunities for Africa* and *Economic Impacts and Challenges of COVID-19 Pandemic: The Experience of WAIFEM Member Countries*. His recent contributions include reviewing fiscal responsibility and debt management laws across Nigeria's 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory under the State Fiscal Transparency and Accountability (SFTAS) programme.

A highly respected thought leader, Dr. Musa, has held influential positions on global economic committees, including the Technical Advisory Committee of the World Bank Debt Management Facility and the Implementation Coordination Group of the World Bank DMF. His scholarly contributions extend to academia, where he serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the *West African Financial and Economic Review (WAFER)* and a member of the Editorial Board of the *Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN) Journal of Banking*. His work continues to shape macroeconomic policies, ensuring governments adopt sound fiscal and debt management strategies that drive economic resilience and inclusive growth.

Dr. Musa's impact on public debt management in Africa has been widely recognized, culminating in a 2024 publication honoring his invaluable contributions to shaping debt policies across the continent. His expertise has been instrumental in reviewing public debt management laws in Ghana, The Gambia, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. A distinguished academic and professional, he holds a Ph.D. in Economics, an MBA, and a B.Sc. in Economics, alongside numerous professional certifications. Born in Barikin Ladi, Plateau State, Nigeria, he remains a steadfast advocate for financial stability and economic transformation in Africa. His unwavering dedication to capacity-building, policy advisory, and economic research continues to redefine the continent's financial landscape for future generations.