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(THE YORUBA LAWYERS FORUM)

(RC. 184535)

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COMMUNIQUE OF THE EGBE AMOFIN OODU'À 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT MITROS RESIDENCES, IBARA GRA, ABEOKUTA, OGUN STATE

The Annual General Meeting of the umbrella body of all lawyers of Yoruba extraction, the Egbe Amofin Oodu'a, held in Mitros Residences, Ibara GRA, Abeokuta, Ogun State, on the 7th of August, 2025. The meeting deliberated on several issues affecting the interest of the Egbe and the wellbeing of its members. The meeting chaired by the Chairman of Egbe, Aare Isiaka Abiola Olagunju, SAN resolved among other things as follows:

1. That Judicial Officers including the magistrates should be encouraged to attend meetings and conferences of Egbe;
2. That the Annual General Conference of the Egbe shall henceforth take place in the first week of August every year.
3. The AGM reaffirmed the resolution of Egbe reached in 2019 to the effect that the Oyo/Osun axis of the South-West shall be given preference when deciding candidate(s) to be supported for the 2026 NBA Presidency;
4. The meeting also received, considered and adopted the report of the Committee chaired by the Vice Chairperson of Egbe, Ms. Toyin Bashorun SAN and having as members Mr. Kunle Adegoke SAN, Mr. Seun Abimbola SAN, Mr. Gbemiga Daramola Esq, Chief (Prof) Fassy Yusuf and Dr. Banke Olagbegi-Oloba (Secretary). The Committee was tasked with the responsibility of interacting with all members of Egbe who have indicated interest to contest for the office of the President of the Nigerian Bar Association with a view to pruning the numbers downward or recommending one candidate from the Egbe's catchment area. The Committee conducted robust engagements with all aspirants both individually and collectively during which each was invited to articulate their visions, missions and preparedness to creditably represent the West, particularly the South West in the 2026 NBA General Elections. The Committee adopted six key parameters in its assessment:

- a. Experience and knowledge of the workings and dynamics of the Bar
- b. Appeal across the NBA membership
- c. Maturity and Composure
- d. Articulation of Objectives and Vision
- e. Demonstrated commitment to the ideals and advancement of Egbe Amofin Oodu'a; and
- f. Team spirit and willingness to defer to the group decision

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Upon diligent and objective evaluation, the Committee unanimously reported that Aare Olumuyiwa Akinboro, SAN ranked highest in all categories of consideration.

Following this presentation and adoption of the report, members of the Egbe deliberated extensively on the need to adopt the most successful person from the exercise. A consensus emerged that, given the existence of two aspirants from Osun which is the only State in the Southwest that has never produced NBA President, it would serve the unity and strength of the Egbe for one to graciously reconsider the aspiration in line with the tradition of the Egbe. Subsequently, upon admonitions of several distinguished members and leaders of the Egbe that the other aspirants, namely; Lateef Omoyemi Akangbe SAN, Prof. Foluke Dada-Lawanson and Mrs. Oyinkan Badejo-Okusanya, should in view of the report of the Committee consider withdrawing from the race to enhance the chances of the Southwest in the forthcoming NBA election, Aare Olumuyiwa Akinboro, SAN was overwhelmingly adopted as the consensus aspirant of Egbe Amofin Oodu'a for the NBA 2026 presidential race, should he pick the nomination form for the NBA Presidency.

In line with the above, the Egbe Amofin Oodu'a is pleased to announce the adoption of Aare Olumuyiwa Akinboro, SAN, FCI Arb (Life Bencher), as its preferred aspirant for the 2026 NBA General Elections, and encourages all its members to promote and abide by the position in the spirit of unity, equity, and progress.

5. The meeting also resolved that the next (2026) Annual Conference of Egbe shall be held in Osogbo, Osun State.

Dated the 7th of **August**, 2025

Signed,

Aare Isiaka Abiola Olagunju, SAN
Chairman, Egbe Amofin Oodu'a

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