

## **ABOUT RIC DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS – PROF. MIKE OMONBUDE**

Professor Mike Omonbude, the Director of Admissions at *Reynolds Institute of Criminology (RIC)*, is a distinguished academic researcher and an expert in the fields of Banking, Finance, and Marketing. He is known for his contributions to education, research, and professional development associations and institutes. With a professional career spanning through 25 years of experience via the United Bank of Africa (UBA), Ecobank Nigeria, and Springbank, he took different managerial positions while establishing himself as a respected figure in academia. He used his talents in the corporate world to mentor students and individuals alike and to advance knowledge in his area of specialization.

In fact, he is involved in Entrepreneurship Development & Management impartation with particular reference to undergraduate students to facilitate their study tour to Songhia Farm in Porto- Novo in the Republic of Benin and other institutions along the West Africa subregion. He is also a mentor for start-up business owners and innovators believing that entrepreneurship cut across all human endeavors irrespective of the discipline. In his professional career, as the head manager of the Transactions & Collections department of the United Bank of Africa (UBA), Prof. Omonbude oversaw many cases of fraud transactions that recuperate millions of Nigerian naira back to the bank and its clients. He holds a strong academic foundation, with degrees from reputable institutions.

His educational journey started as a professor of Entrepreneurship Development & Management from the City University of Cambodia in Lagos, Nigeria. To have an impact on the community and its industries, he decided to engage in consultancy projects, policy advisory roles, and community development initiatives by bridging the gap between theory and practice. In December 2020, Prof. Omonbude received his Ph.D. in Business Administration from the City University of Cambodia. In 2002, he received his master's degree in business administration and marketing from Ambrose Alli University (Ekpoma, Nigeria). A year earlier, he got his bachelor's degree in Banking and Finance from the University of Benin (Benin City, Nigeria).

Prof. Omonbude received many awards and recognition for his work in the Banking and Finance industry. For example, he was the recipient of letters of commendation from the United Bank of Africa. He was an invited speaker at a number of conferences. He holds professional membership status in several organizations, such as the Institute of Entrepreneurs of Nigeria, the National Institute and Marketing of Nigeria, the Institute of Leadership & Human Resource, and the Chartered Institute of Financial Analyst of Nigeria. Prof. Omonbude's philosophy is based on nurturing the next generation of thinkers and innovators. His dedication to knowledge dissemination for a direct societal impact remains a driving force in his career.