

Chidinma Ukonne- Short Bio

Chidinma Ukonne is a Seasoned Women's Empowerment Advocate, Global Leader and Attorney. She is fiercely passionate about empowering and connecting women in areas of career development, personal growth and leadership. She has an unwavering commitment to ensuring positive change among women across the diaspora through, mentoring, educational programs, policies and processes that provide lasting impacts domestically and internationally.

Chiddy describes herself as a cultural hybrid, born and raised in Nigeria to African parents, growing up in the cosmopolitan town of Lagos, and living in America for the last twelve years. These two experiences afford her the peculiar skill of seeing the world from a global perspective, quickly adaptable to change and a deeper understanding for people from diverse backgrounds. She is fluent in English and Igbo. Chiddy learned the importance of women empowerment advocacy and leadership in her formative years, through her family's strict upbringing and core values. She also credits her high school, Queen's College Yaba, Lagos, a prominent and distinguished all-girls high school in Nigeria for teaching her these values in her teenage years in various social and academic capacities, but more importantly through her student leadership "Prefect" appointment

Chiddy's passion for social justice, empowering people and communities ignited an interest in pursuing a career in law. She began her academic journey as a political science and international affairs student at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, in Maryland, where held various legal, judicial and leadership positions with the Baltimore City State Attorney's Office in the prosecution division, the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, clerking for the Honorable Judge Russell, III and elected Student leader Senator with the Student Government Association respectively. While in law school, she advanced her women leadership and empowerment passion and advocacy through various positions, including her fellowship in Domestic Violence, where she provided legal services to underprivileged low income women at the Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati as well as her Public Interest Law Fellowship program with the Office of Attorney General, D.C.

Chiddy holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Affairs from the University of Maryland Baltimore County, and a Juris Doctorate in Law from University of Cincinnati College of Law. She is a recipient of the College of Law and Daniel Westerbeck scholarships. She holds an Advanced Diploma in Project Management from New York University.

In her private time, Chidinma enjoys playing golf, reading fiction and nonfiction books, swimming, travelling, cooking, playing tennis, spending time with her family. She also enjoys organizing, public speaking, attending events focused on accelerating women empowerment, career development, leadership, diversity and inclusion.