



28th October 2019

The Chairman
Independent Corrupt Practices and other ~~Related Offences~~ Commission
Plot 802 Constitution Avenue
Central Business District
Abuja



Dear Sir,

**DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE PROBE FOR FAILURE TO PRODUCE Ph.D.
CERTIFICATE**

The above subject matter refers.

Punch Newspaper¹ reported on the 3rd September 2019 that the Director-General of the Federal Institute of Industrial Research, Oshodi, Dr. Chima Igwe, has come under probe for failure to present his Ph.D. certificate for more than 17 years after claiming to have bagged the degree from Universite Nationale du Benin (now Universite d'Abomey- Calavi) in the Benin Republic and it is alleged that he had received several promotions based on the purported degree. It was reported that the only evidence of the purported Ph.D. is an attestation letter. It was reported that the issue became contentious when the tenure of the immediate past Director-General of FIIRO, Prof. Gloria Elemo, ended and there was the need for a new head for the institute. The governing board of the institute, while shopping for a replacement, called for the files of senior officers of the agency and Mr. Igwe being the most senior was to be next in line. However, the controversy then resurfaced and he could not produce the Ph.D. certificate in his file to support his claim.

This matter is within the public space as reported by Punch Newspaper, we do not want to deduce that the Commission is in the know on this matter, in essence, we hereby recommend the above allegations against the above-named Director-General to the Commission for investigation. However, if the investigation on this matter has commenced, we hereby demand a speedy conclusion, as the accused

¹ <https://punchng.com/from-benin-with-fraud-dg-secures-fiiro-top-job-without-claimed-phd-certificate/>

Acting DG is still performing office functions and allegedly using resources of the Institute to cover his tracks.


The nature of the above allegation against the Acting Director-General is within the purview of the powers vested in the Commission, we hereby recommend that his name be sent to the Secretary of the Government of the Federation for immediate interdiction and also logical conclusion on the case.

We anticipate your prompt action and response in this regard.

Please, accept the assurances of my esteem considerations.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



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Chairman