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## Background

Cephas is a Partner at ALN Nigeria | Aluko & Oyebode and a member of the Business Advisory Services and Energy and Natural Resources teams. His experience cuts across corporate practice and dispute resolution.

Cephas advises on a wide range of legal issues including company formation and restructuring, foreign investment, corporate governance, power & infrastructure, legal due diligence, PPP arrangements and real estate. He also advises on a range of regulatory compliance issues relating to labor and employment, general tax advisory, immigration regulations and permits, registration of technology transfer agreements and other regulatory requirements under Nigerian law. Cephas has litigation experience at trial, appellate and regional courts.

Cephas is an accredited Insolvency Practitioner and a Notary Public of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He also holds membership in various professional societies including the Nigerian Bar Association, the Nigerian Bar Association's Section on Business Law and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He attained a Bachelor of Laws and a Master of Laws from Ahmadu Bello University.

## Professional Membership

- Nigerian Bar Association
- Nigerian Bar Association Section on Business Law
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United Kingdom
- Nigerian Economic Summit Group

## Professional Qualifications

- 2014 Master of Laws, LL.M, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria
- 2007 Bachelor of Laws, LL.B, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria

## Career Summary

2023 – Date : Managing Associate, Aluko & Oyebode, Abuja

2017 – 2023: Senior Associate, Aluko & Oyeboade, Abuja

2007 – 2017: Associate, Aluko & Oyeboade, Abuja

## Top Matters

### Banking and Finance

- Advising **Deutsche Bank**, one of the world's leading financial service providers, and a consortium of German Banks in connection with the USD 2.3 billion financing of the Presidential Power Initiative (PPI), a strategic and systematic plan formed between Nigeria and Germany to solve Nigeria's perennial power problems.
- Advising **Sterling Bank**, a full-service national commercial bank licensed by the Central Bank of Nigeria, in connection with its proposed investment in a renewable energy project which involves the solarisation of the Bank's head office building and a partnership/investment in the renewable energy business.

### Energy

- Acting for **Skypower LLC**, a renewable energy company, in connection with the development of proposed solar power projects across various states in Nigeria including carrying out property searches across Northern Nigeria in relation to acquisition of the project sites.
- Advising **Powerchina Huadong Engineering Corporation** as the EPC contractor and financier of a hydro-power generating facility with an aggregate capacity of a 39MW at Dadin Kowa 3 Dam in Gombe State, Nigeria in relation to a concession granted to Mabon Limited by the Federal Ministry of Water Resources on behalf of the Upper Benue River Basin Development Authority.
- Advising the **Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC)** in connection with its regulatory and enforcement powers and on the review of recent constitutional amendments that decentralised the power sector and the Electricity Act, 2023.
- Acting for **Woodrock Energy Resources Limited** in connection with its consortium with Transcorp Power Limited for the acquisition of USD 300million Ughelli Power Plant with installed capacity of 900MW during the privatisation exercise of the power sector of Nigeria conducted by the Bureau of Public Enterprises.
- Acting for **Abuja Electricity Distribution PLC**, the sole company with franchise for marketing and distribution of electricity in Abuja, Niger, Kogi and Nasarawa States of Nigeria, in connection with day-to-day legal advisory and support services.
- Acting for the **Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission**, an independent regulatory body with authority for the regulation of the electric power industry in Nigeria, in connection with enforcement powers under extant laws and regulations.
- Acting for **Africa Finance Corporation**, a pan-African Multilateral Development Financial Institution, and its co-lenders, in connection with the financing of the Segilola Gold Mine project in Osun State, Nigeria.

### Business Advisory Services

- Acting for **Oriental Foods Industry**, a major food processing company, on its brands and licensing agreements with a multinational foods and spices group and on debt financing under sharia principles for the expansion of its production lines including advising on the procedure and requirements for registering of the technical services agreement with its offshore affiliates with the National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion.
- Advising **InterContinental Hotels Group** in connection with the establishment and management of a five star hotel in Lagos, Nigeria including the setting up of the IHG local subsidiary, reviewing the management agreements, licensing agreements, intellectual property related agreements and other relevant contractual

- agreements between IHG and its counterparties and registration of same at the NOTAP; and advising on all applicable Nigerian law and regulatory requirements, consents and approvals.
- Advising **Blumberg Grain** a leading global food security company, providing harvest protection systems and technology in connection with its setting up of operations in Nigeria including incorporating Blumberg's local entity and reviewing agreements with the Federal Ministry of Agriculture.