

**AIGBOJE AIG-IMOUKHUEDE, CHAIRMAN, AFRICA INITIATIVE FOR GOVERNANCE (AIG), JOINS
INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD OF THE BLAVATNIK SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT, UNIVERSITY OF
OXFORD**

LAGOS, NIGERIA – SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 – Africa Initiative for Governance (AIG) today announced that its Chairman, Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede, has joined the International Advisory Board (IAB) of the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford. The invitation to join the School's International Advisory Board was extended to Mr. Aig-Imoukhuede by the Board's Chairman, The Lord Browne of Madingley on behalf of the Board and the School. Other members of the Board include former United States President Bill Clinton and Eric Schmidt, Executive Chairman of Google.

The role of the International Advisory Board of the Blavatnik School is to advise on the overall strategy of the School and provide strategic advice to the Dean and senior management. The School was founded in 2010, at the University of Oxford, as a global, graduate school with a vision to improve government throughout the world through research, education and engagement across sectors. The IAB assists the School in building productive relationships with governments, the private sector, and non-governmental organisations around the world.

"Mr Aig-Imoukhuede's commitment to outstanding public service is an inspiration to all of us," said Ngaire Woods, Dean of the Blavatnik School of Government. "His Initiative has successfully raised aspirations across Nigeria and Ghana among brilliant future leaders to study public policy. We look forward to having his expertise on the Board to help us drive the School's mission to improve government around the world and deepen our impact."

Members of the IAB also engage with and mentor students, and support the development of a global scholarship programme that attracts the best candidates from around the world.

"It is indeed an honour to be invited to serve on the International Advisory Board of the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford," said Mr. Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede. "In education and in the fields of governance, public policy and leadership, the Blavatnik School has clearly differentiated itself as a centre of excellence. In seeking the right synergies for Africa Initiative for Governance (AIG) towards the achievement of our vision of being a catalyst for public sector transformation across Africa, the Blavatnik School of Government stood out as a worthy partner. It is with a deep sense of responsibility and commitment that I accept the invitation to join the Board, and to work alongside its very distinguished membership towards contributing to the overall impact of the School and, ultimately, achieving our shared vision of improving nations through outstanding public service."

In addition to the Blavatnik School IAB membership, Mr. Aig-Imoukhuede will, on October 7, 2017, be inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, one of the oldest learned societies and independent policy research centres in the United States of America, having been elected in April 2017 as one of the Academy's Foreign Honorary Members. The Academy brings together leaders from academics, business and government to address critical challenges facing the world.

The AIG Chairman also, in July 2017, accepted an invitation from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa to serve on its High Level Panel on Migration. The Panel, which aims to provide guidance and support to policy dialogues on an African perspective on international migration, is chaired by Her Excellency, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia.

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ABOUT AFRICA INITIATIVE FOR GOVERNANCE (AIG)

Africa Initiative for Governance (AIG) works with governments, academic institutions and other partners to improve governance and transform public sector performance.

AIG's pioneering initiative connects proven private sector innovation, leadership and funding to an amenable public sector in a private-public partnership that seeks to attract, inspire and support future leaders of Africa's public sector. With AIG's continuing support, these high-calibre individuals will be able to drive best practice standards of governance in Africa, ensuring sustainable economic growth and social justice.

For more information, visit www.aigafrica.org

ABOUT THE BLAVATNIK SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

Founded at the University of Oxford in 2010, the Blavatnik School of Government exists to inspire and support better government and public policy around the world. The School teaches current and future public leaders through innovative programmes, conducting deep research into pressing issues facing policy makers around the world, and convening leaders and experts to foster better public policy. The School was made possible through a £75 million donation to the University of Oxford by American philanthropist Leonard Blavatnik.

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