SUMMARISED CURRICULUM VITAE PROFILE

Professor Sam O. Smah, PhD., is a Nigerian Professor of Sociology and Criminology with over thirty years of distinguished experience in higher education, interdisciplinary research, public policy, institutional leadership, and international development consultancy. He currently serves as a Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at Baze University, Abuja, and is former Professor of Criminology and Security Studies at the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), where he has also held senior academic and administrative responsibilities, including Director of SIWES and Industrial Liaison Officer for ACETEL. He previously served in leadership roles including Dean and Head of Department, contributing significantly to academic governance, curriculum development, postgraduate supervision, and institutional capacity building.

Prof. Smah holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of Jos and possesses extensive expertise in sociology, criminology, criminal justice, security studies, environmental and maritime safety, development policy, governance, anthropology, and social research. His work integrates rigorous academic scholarship with practical policy solutions in areas such as human security, policing, community safety, restorative justice, victimology, migration, urban governance, conflict management, maritime security, forensic studies, climate resilience, and sustainable development.

As a respected consultant, researcher, and capacity-development specialist, Prof. Smah has provided technical advisory services, research, training, monitoring and evaluation, and policy analysis for government institutions, universities, development agencies, and international organisations, including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), and the Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA). He has successfully led multidisciplinary research projects, institutional assessments, curriculum reviews, policy formulation exercises, strategic planning initiatives, and executive leadership training programmes across Nigeria and West Africa.

His methodological expertise encompasses qualitative and quantitative research, mixed-methods designs, programme evaluation, impact assessment, stakeholder engagement, conflict-sensitive research, participatory rural appraisal, policy analysis, institutional diagnostics, and evidence-based decision-making. He is proficient in proposal development, logical framework design, theory of change, results-based management, monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL), strategic planning, and research dissemination.

Prof. Smah has authored numerous scholarly publications, technical reports, policy papers, and books addressing contemporary issues in governance, development, security, and social transformation. He is the Founder and Chief Executive of Lighthouse Study Helps Concepts, a research and capacity-development initiative based in Abuja. His current research focuses on restorative justice, internal displacement, development theory, human security, policing reforms, urban resilience, maritime governance, and community-centred approaches to peacebuilding and sustainable development.

Recognised for analytical rigour, strategic thinking, and collaborative leadership, Prof. Smah continues to support governments, development partners, academic institutions, civil society organisations, and the private sector in designing innovative, evidence-based solutions that strengthen governance, improve security, enhance institutional performance, and promote inclusive and sustainable development across Africa and the rest of the world.