



Brief Profile of:

MSc. (Mag.) Dr Samuel I Ogbonna, PhD.

Dr Samuel Ogbonna is a product of the University of Vienna, and Karl-Franzens-University Graz, Styria both in Austria a member of the European Union. At the University of Vienna, he bagged a Master's Degree in Journalism and Communication Science. He also obtained a BSc, Master and PhD in Political Science, specialised in International Politics and International Relations with majors in International Migration and Refugees. At Karl-Franzens-University Graz, he pursued a post-doctoral study in Project Management. He is a holder of a Professional Certificate in European Leadership Competency Training and a Diplom in Conflict Management and Mediation.

He has been in a leadership position for years with solid experience in Non-governmental and humanitarian organisations (NGOs). He has also founded and established a few NGOs. These are Radio Afrika Austria, the Ohanaeze Ndigbo Austria-Europe and the national president of the latter during which he united all the Igbo Organisations in the nine regions of Austria.

He was a founding member of the Igbo Cultural Society Austria and served as its chair for four years. He was also a co-founder of the Organisation for the Protection of Old People of African Origin (OPOPAO), Austria, the People's Democratic Party (PDP) Nigeria Austria Foreign Chapter. He served as the Secretary and Chairman.

He participated in over four national party conventions in Nigeria in his fifteen years of active politics in the Nigerian/African political landscapes. He served as secretary and press/media speaker of the Foreign Chapters and worked in the Think Tank Group of the Chapters.

He was a co-proponent of the establishment of the National Association of Nigerian Community Austria (NANCA) served as recording secretary and was later honoured and elected the first Secretary-General. He also served as Secretary for the Pan-

African Forum in Austria. He accumulated experience with some government agencies and members of the Parliament in Austria.

He is besides, a member of the Alaigbo Development Foundation (ADF) in Nigeria.

Dr Ogbonna is currently the leader of the Igbo Youths Christian Forum Nigeria an arm of Igbo Youths Cultural Organisation. On April 17th 2019, he organised and sponsored the Igbo Peace with Good Conference in Aba, Abia State Nigeria.

He has organised, conducted and participated in conflict issues that involved both person-to-person or families and or organisations for which he successfully implemented, resolved and reinstalled peace. These responsibilities were both at the local, national and across inter-continental spheres.

Dr Ogbonna's PhD. dissertation was published in a book entitled: Altern. Approaches to Refugee Problems f. Resource Dev. in East Africa "Refugees and Migrants are not social parasites; they intensify the labour market and promote global village"; with ISBN/EAN978-3-8381-5090-1 number, published by SVH Südwestdeutscher Verlag für Hochschulschriften D – 66121 Saarbrücken, Germany.

He has written and published many reports and articles. A few examples are:
A final position paper on the Peace Initiative between Members of Igbo Gemeinschaft Steiermark (IGS), Österreich (Igbo Community in Steiermark) and INUS by Ohanaeze letter dated 23/9/2013 - Report on the Resolution taken for the Restoration of Peace and Harmony between the conflict parties in Graz, Styria Austria- as brokered by the National President (Dr Ogbonna) with his National Executive Working Committee, 2014.

Ohanaeze Ndigbo in Austria and Europe - What it stands for! in „African Voice“ a periodical News Magazine, December/January 2011/2012: Vol. 1, First Edition; Graz Styria Austria. Published: 10.12.2011.

The History of the National Association of Nigerian Community in Austria (NANCA) on www.nanca.net Published 06.09.2011.

A Paper titled "The Unavoidable Need for the Unification of Ndigbo Under the Umbrella of Ohaneze Ndigbo in Austria" on the Occasion of Igbo Day Workshop/Event organised by the Igbo Community in Tyrol-Innsbruck, Austria. Saturday 31st May 2008.

Africans in Austria: A demographic development of African Migrant in Austria 2004. Published at the time on www.opopao.org. on 31.05.2004

Dr Ogbonna has recently completed research work on key challenging issues facing Nigeria. Two books on his project work will soon be out on the market.

He is currently working on the final establishment of the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) *Peace Advocates and Practitioners Organisation Nigeria European Headquarters Austria (PAPONEHA)*. PAPONEHA is a daughter Organisation of Peace Advocates and Practitioners Organisation (PAPO) Nigeria. He is the founder and Coordinator of European Headquarters Austria.

He intends to use this platform to share his professional wisdom with people who identify themselves with the greatest challenge facing humanity in the Twenty-first Century: *The Quest for Peace!*

As the founder and first chairperson of this Organisation. His interests among others are to collaborate and support the frameworks of the United Nations Organisation (UNO), the European Union (EU) the African Union (AU), the American and similar organisations and other supra-international organisations towards the realisation of peace and contribute to peace-keeping and its preservation.

His philosophies among others are to seek a free world devoid of hate and xenophobia and to pursue measures and strategies that eliminate, de-escalate and deter conflicts and radicalisation in all its facets around the world.