



PRESS RELEASE

Official Announcement from the President of the Nigeria Chess Federation

Dear Esteemed Chess Enthusiasts, Respected Stakeholders, and Valued Supporters, It is with profound gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility that I, H.E. Sen Ibrahim H. Dankwambo PhD, OON (Talban Gombe), announce my election and formal inauguration as the President of the Nigeria Chess Federation by the National Sports Commission's Electoral Committee. This moment represents not only a personal honour but a collective milestone for Nigerian chess a new chapter defined by visionary leadership, huge professionalism, and exemplary sportsmanship.

I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to the delegates, members, and supporters whose steadfast confidence and collaborative spirit have been instrumental throughout this electoral process. Your commitment epitomizes the highest ideals of sportsmanship and leadership, laying the foundation for our federation's continued ascent.

I warmly congratulate my fellow board members who have been elected to serve alongside me in the Nigeria Chess Federation. As your President, I pledge to maintain an open-door policy, welcoming your insights, creativity, and free flowing ideas without hesitation. Our collective efforts and innovative thinking will be essential to driving the federation forward, ensuring progress and success for Nigerian chess. I encourage each of

you to bring your unique perspectives and enthusiasm as we work together to achieve our shared vision.

Our heartfelt thanks also go to the National Sports Commission (NSC), Nigeria Olympic Committee (NOC) for their strategic guidance and for ensuring a transparent, credible, and faultlessly conducted election. Their exemplary governance standards serve as an inspiration for all Nigerian sports bodies.

I pay special tribute to our immediate past President, DIG Sani U. Mohammed (Rtd), and Vice President, Adewole Adeyinka Samuel, whose dedication, professionalism, and visionary stewardship have significantly contributed to the growth and reputation of Nigerian chess. Their legacy serves as a beacon for our future endeavours.

Looking forward, my vision is to foster an inclusive, dynamic, and highly professional chess ecosystem that nurtures talent from grassroots schools to high institutions across Nigeria.

We are committed to forging sustainable corporate partnerships and alliances that facilitate increased participation, heightened competitive standards, and enhanced visibility on national and international stages.

In assuming this mantle of leadership, I solemnly reaffirm my commitment to uphold the highest standards of transparency, accountability, and governance as outlined in the National Sports Commission Code of Governance 2025. The Nigeria Chess Federation will be a model of integrity and excellence in Nigerian sports administration.

Together, through shared dedication, respect for the game, and professional excellence, we will elevate Nigerian chess to unprecedented heights on the global map.

Signed,

H.E. Sen Ibrahim H. Dankwambo PhD, OON
President
Nigeria Chess Federation