



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

February 18, 2024

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to section 5 of the Office and Commission on African Affairs Act of 2006, effective June 8, 2006 (D.C. Law 16-111, D.C. Official Code § 2-1394), I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

Ms. Ify Bozimo
Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001
(Ward 6)

for reappointment as a public member of the Commission on African Affairs, for a term to end October 27, 2027.


Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Muriel Bowser
Mayor


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

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6 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
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10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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15 To confirm the reappointment of Ify Bozimo to the Commission on African Affairs.
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17 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
18 resolution may be cited as the “Commission on African Affairs Ify Bozimo Confirmation
19 Resolution of 2025”.

20 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the reappointment of:
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22 Ify Bozimo
23 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
24 Washington, DC 20001
25 (Ward 6)
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27 as a public member of the Commission on African Affairs, established by section 4 of the Office
28 and Commission on African Affairs Act of 2006, effective June 8, 2006 (D.C. Law 16-111, D.C.
29 Official Code § 2-1393), for a term to end October 27, 2027.

30 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,
31 upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

32 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Ify Bozimo

Experience

International project finance transaction counsel, admitted in Nigeria and New York, with a good mix of law firm and in-house experience. With special focus on renewable energy across the value chain, M&A, and due diligence, involving negotiation, drafting, and review of contracts for energy and infrastructure projects; financial regulations; regulatory, environmental, and social compliance.

EnerSys, Pennsylvania - March 2021 – Present

Corporate Counsel

Managing and negotiating complex commercial transactions across multiple jurisdictions/countries.

Developing corporate policies, procedures and general compliance matters, including applicable global laws and regulations; designing and conducting trainings for global finance and sales teams.

Direct oversight and supervision of the global corporate governance involving over 115 subsidiaries.

World Bank Group, Washington, DC - January 2017 – February 2021

International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Counsel, Legal Vice Presidency

Advised on scores of corporate commercial and over a dozen international project finance transactions across Sub Saharan Africa, from project conception, structuring, to completion.

Successfully advised on regulatory compliance, SHA, subscription agreements, loan/syndication as well as project documents including PPA, EPC, O&M, and offtake agreements, demonstrating a good grasp of the life cycle of a project, its bankability, negotiating risk allocation, mitigation and deploying due diligence protocols.

Drafted Terms of Reference for engagement of external counsel, reviewing the proposal, drafting the retainer agreement, managing the work product and relationship between the business teams and external counsel.

Ensured environmental and social compliance for all investment project financing in the Africa Energy Program. This involved an in-depth review of relevant project documents, including Project Appraisal Documents, Project Papers, Disclosed Safeguards Instruments, Restructuring Papers and Legal Agreements.

Solola & Akpana, Port Harcourt, Nigeria (Chambers Global Ranked Law Firm) January 2005- July 2016 **Senior Associate and Head of Business Development**

As transaction counsel in the project finance and energy practice group, advising the Government on PPP structure and governing documents, including Concession and Implementation Agreements. Negotiating and ensuring quality control of cross-border project finance documents including equity documents, EPC, O&M, PPA, and off take agreements on behalf of project sponsors, host governments and government contracting agencies under: PPP - BOOT; and privatization structures.

Select projects have included:

- Gaia Platform, Morocco - Joint development project between IFC InfraVentures, Blended Finance - through the Finland-IFC Blended Finance for Climate Program and Gaia Energy, a Moroccan based wind energy developer for a Platform of 20 wind projects in 9 countries across Africa
- Yoma Micro Power, Myanmar - Member of the IFC InfraVentures team advising on a project to build, own, operate and maintain micro power plants and mini-grids to generate and distribute electricity for use by telecommunication towers and their customers
- Mpatamanga Hydroelectric Power Project, Malawi - Advising as part of the World Bank Group team to assess the potential to develop, finance, construct and operate a 309MW hydroelectric project on a public private partnership basis with the government of Malawi
- Segou Solaire, Mali - Advising IFC on the design, development, engineering, procurement and maintenance of the greenfield solar photovoltaic plant with a total capacity of approximately 33MW in the Segou region of Mali
- Wapsila - Ewekoro IPP Project, Nigeria - Advising IFC on the Ewekoro IPP project for the development and expansion of an existing 90MW captive power plant to approximately 310MW. The project is to be owned by Wapsila Nigeria Limited, an SPV formed by Lafarge Africa plc, Wartsila Power Plants and IFC
- Rail - Lead counsel for the Government alongside foreign counsel in the Build Own Operate and Transfer concession agreement for the construction and operation of the State Railway System
- Port Terminal - Lead transaction counsel for the project sponsors in the development of a Port Terminal for the Indorama Eleme Fertilizer project. The project involved the design, engineering, procurement, installation and construction of a Port Terminal consisting of a Multipurpose Jetty, Storage Facilities and Terminal Infrastructure at the Onne Free Zone, Port Harcourt
- Monte@Rivers, South Africa - Lead transaction counsel and Board Secretary representing the SPV for the PPP with Government and an international consortium for a project fashioned after Montecasino, Johannesburg
- Counsel for several other projects including roads, health care, and water reticulation project

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

Master of Laws in International Business and Economic Law (LL.M.) (with Distinction), 2017

Ambrose Alli University, Nigeria,

LL.B (JD) (Honours), 2002

- **Research Focus:** International Project Finance and Investments; International Business Transactions – FCPA, UK Bribery Act; Managing Political Risks in Emerging Markets Project Finance
- **Activities:** Fellow, Institute of International Economic Law

Bar Admissions:

Nigeria; State of New York

Awards & Recognition

- Dean's List Honoree, Georgetown University Law Center, Class of 2017
- Named in the lawyers to watch out for in Nigeria, 2016
- Best Legal Staff, Business Development, Solola & Akpana, December, 2013

Other Interests and Engagements

Involved in several community development/volunteer efforts, including –

- Commissioner, African Affairs, Government of the District of Columbia
- Member, Advisory Board – Martha's Table
- Secretary, Rotary Club of Washington Global
- Pro bono attorney – DC Volunteer Lawyers' Project

Currently working on the recipe for the world's hottest sauce; DJ-ing; and attending live Formula1 races around the world



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Ify Bozimo



Ms. Ify Bozimo is a corporate counselor with EnerSys. She previously served as a consultant with the International Finance Corporation at the World Bank Group.

Ms. Bozimo has over 14 years of experience in a variety of areas spanning legal, corporate governance, communications, compliance, and board secretariat. She has also worked as an assistant to a chief executive officer, with duties including speech writing and editing. She has represented host governments, state-owned entities, private equity investors, and project companies. Ms. Bozimo has relevant experience living and working in Africa for several years and a fresh perspective from living and working in the District of Columbia over the past few years.

A Ward 6 resident, Ms. Bozimo earned her Bachelor of Laws from Ambrose Alli University and her Master of Laws in International Business and Economic Law from Georgetown University.



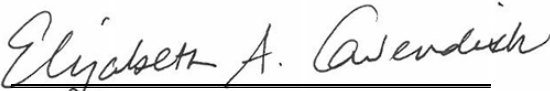
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Kimberly A. Bassett, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: February 14, 2025
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of a resolution reappointing Ify Bozimo as a member of the Commission on African Affairs

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced Order and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Michael Porcello, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-727-0872, or me at 202-724-7681.


Elizabeth Cavendish