

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**Name:** Dr. Lanre **Towry-Coker**. RIBA. FNIA. Dipl. Arch ACI. Arb. OPM (HARVARD), Ph.D (*Planning*)

**Profession:** Architect/Urban Planner/Transportation Planner/Project Manager.

**Special Interest:** Financial + Turnkey Negotiation relating to construction, New Technologies and Technology Adaptation Educational Technology.

**Most Significant Achievement(s):** Started his own Architectural practice (TCA) in 1976, Developed Abuja Sheraton Hotel (Now Sofitel) from scratch i.e. original concept for first Hotel, in new capital. In 1992 won International competition to design the **World Bank** Resident Mission Headquarters and Residences in Abuja out of **110 entries**.

**Education:** St. Mathias School, Lafiaji, Lagos.  
Kingston College, Surrey-UK.  
Architectural Association School of Architecture London  
Thames University, London.  
University of N.E. London.  
Royal Institute of British Architects.  
Harvard University, U.S.A. Graduate School of Business Administration (OPM).

**Academic Qualifications:** DIPL, ARCH – University of N. East London (UK).  
Postgraduate, Transportation Planning,  
RIBA – Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (U.K.)  
  
Ph.D (Doctor of Philosophy) Planning

**Professional Qualifications:** FNIA – Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Architects.  
RIBA – Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects.  
A.C.Iarb – Associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK)

**Mid-Career Training:** Graduate, Harvard University Graduate.  
School of Business Administration (OPM) Programme (USA).  
Phd. Programme. Planning & Geography (LASU)

**Professional Assignments:**

Chairman Public Relations Committee.  
Nigerian Institute of Architects.  
Chairman – International Relations Committee.  
Nigerian Institute of Architects.  
He has been an Arbitrator/Umpire in construction claims.  
He has been on numerous delegations for the Nigerian Institute of Architects.  
NIA Representative on solar symposium.(World photo-voltaic association.  
International Union of Architects.  
Led NIA delegation to Australia Commonwealth Institute of Architects.  
Led Nigerian Delegation to U.S. Building Business Symposium in 1997.

**Governmental Assignments**

Chairman – Lagos State Waste Disposal Board – 1984-85  
Chairman - Lagos State Luna Parks. 1985  
Member – Lagos State Tenders Board  
Member – Presidential Technical Committee on Housing and Urban Development 2001-2002.  
Honourable Commissioner for Housing, Lagos State –1999-2003.

**Publications:**

1. 'Low Income Housing' for the Nigerian Institute of Architects Publication Journal.
2. 'Lagos State, What Next'
3. 'Towards a Lagos State Environmental Protection Agency' (Original guideline for LASEPA)
4. 'Technology Transfer. The Construction Dimension'
5. The need for Continental Cooperation' Symposium on African Architectural Education.
6. 'The Metro Line Affair' (A review and plan for mass transportation in Lagos State.
7. 'Global imperatives of good governance'
8. 'Alternative Energy Sources for Housing'

9. Mega Cities : ‘Nightmare or change for Developing Countries’.  
A paper presented at the International Conference on Mega Cities,  
in Hanover/Germany.

10. Presented a paper on critical issues in the Provision of Housing  
and Shelter in Nigeria.

11. Tribute to Late (Dr) Olawale Odeleye- Past President  
Commonwealth Association of Architects.

12. Send ‘Arnie’ to Baghdad.

13. ‘Megacities are they sustainable in developing countries?’

**Countries Visited:**

Africa – Kenya, Egypt, Tokyo, Ghana, Cote D’Ivoire, Seychelles,  
Liberia, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Ethiopia,  
South Africa, Europe – UK, Germany, Belgium, France, Ireland,  
Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Netherlands, Italy, Spain, N.  
America – USA  
Australia, S. America – Brazil, Mexico, Singapore, S.E. Asia –  
Thailand,  
Hong Kong, Caribbean, Jamaica, Bahamas, Trinidad,  
Abu Dhabi, Israel.

**Languages Previously  
Studied:**

English, German, Russian, Latin, French.

**Other Interests:**

Member – Lions Club International  
Member – Metropolitan Club, Lagos.  
Member – Ikoyi Club, Lagos.  
Member – Polo Club, Lagos.  
Member – Lagos Motor Club.  
Various Charitable Organization.

**Other Activities:**

Member Nigerian Spanish Chamber of Commerce  
Member Nigerian Asian Chamber of Commerce  
Member Nigerian British Chamber of Commerce  
Member of Nigerian Institute of International Affairs  
Member, Nigeria Finnish Business Council.  
Founder Member /Nigerian South African Business  
Council.

Chairman – Governing Council Association for International Business. Nigeria Chapter.  
Member Nigerian German Business Council.  
Plays Squash, Tennis, Badminton, Golf, Saxophone,  
Enjoys writing and researching.  
Has been nominated OYP (Outstanding Young person of the Metropolis) by Jaycees 1984.  
Entered the race for the Senatorial District of Lagos Central Senatorial District in 1992 under the defunct SDP. Appointed first Honourable Commissioner of Housing. Lagos State Ministry of Housing. 1999 to 2003. A Member of the Presidential Committee on Housing and Urban Development, inaugurated by the President Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo.

**Business Activities:**

Board Members in various companies.  
Board Member Chris Ogunbanjo Foundation/Centre For conflict Resolution and Centre for the Promotion of an Industrial Society.

**General**

With the extensive travel he has undertaken both in Africa and beyond, Architect Towry-Coker is convinced that giving the right caliber of leadership with vision, Africa has all the attributes to be the next ASEAN and better.  
Architect Towry-Coker's father was a Civil Engineer and was the Planning Adviser to Tunku Abdul Rahman (late Prime Minister of Malaya) in the early sixties, specifically in the State of Negri Sembilan

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