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Ambassador John Kayode Shinkaiye to Receive the 2023 Medal of Glory Award

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WASHINGTON, D.C.- The 2023 Medal of Glory Award (MOGA), The Foundation for Democracy in Africa's (FDA) highest honor, will be presented to Ambassador John Kayode Shinkaiye, a career diplomat, and currently the National President of the Association of Retired Career Ambassadors of Nigeria (ARCAN), for extraordinary leadership and lifetime commitment to Diplomacy, and contributions to the advancement of Peace, Security, Stability, Economic Integration and Diaspora Engagement in Africa.

Shinkaiye was born on November 20, 1947, in Nigeria. He attended Government Secondary School, Dekina in Kogi State, Kings College, Lagos for his Higher School Certificate, obtained his 2nd Class Upper Division degree in Sociology from the University of Lagos in 1972, and joined Nigeria's Foreign Service in June 1972.

He served in many Nigerian missions in Africa and Britain. He was Nigeria's Ambassador to Equatorial Guinea from 1989-1993, Ethiopia and Djibouti from 2000-2003. He was also Nigeria's Permanent Representative to the OAU/AU and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa during the same period.

As Nigeria's Ambassador in Addis Ababa, Ambassador Shinkaiye was intimately involved in the transformation of the OAU to the AU between 2000-2003. He later served as the Chief of Staff of two African Union Commission Chairpersons in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia President Alpha Omar Konare of Mali, from January 2006 to April 2008, and Dr. Jean Ping of Gabon from May 2008 to October 2012. As Chief of Staff, among other things, he coordinated the various partnerships of the African Union with several countries and organizations, including the EU, US, China, South America, India, Turkey, and the Republic of Korea.

In recognition of his contributions to strengthening relations between Nigeria and Britain, he was honored in May 1989 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with the award of Lieutenant of the Royal Victoria Order (LVO). Ambassador Shinkaiye was awarded Equatorial Guinea's highest National honor, the Medal of the Grand Cross of the Order of Independence (GCOI), by President Obiang Nguema in 1993. He is an Officer of the

Order of the Federal Republic (OFR), Nigeria, awarded in 2001, a Member of the Institute of Directors (MIoD), and a Member of the National Institute (mni).

The Medal of Glory Award is The Foundation for Democracy in Africa’s (FDA) highest honor awarded, annually, to exemplary leaders for extraordinary contributions to democracy, and good governance, and the advancement of trade, investment, and cultural ties in Africa. Past recipients of the award, include President Dr. Bingu Wa Mutharika of Malawi; Dr. Amadou Makhtar M’Bow, Director General of the United Nations, Scientific and Cultural Organization (1974 – 1987); Dr. Sarah E. Moten, USAID, Africa Bureau; President Quett Masire of Botswana; President Shehu Shagari of Nigeria; President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria; Senator Connie Mack of Florida, Dr. Dorothy Height, President of the National Council of Negro Women; Mr. C. Payne Lucas, President of Africare; President Abdou Diouf of Senegal, President Alpha Omar Konare of Mali; President Abdoulaye Wade of Senegal; Dennis C Moss of Miami Dade County, Florida; Mr. Ato Girma Wake of Ethiopian Airlines, Dr. Mo Ibrahim, Mo Ibrahim Foundation, the People of the Republic of Burkina Faso; Congresswoman Ileana Ros -Lehtinen of Florida, Mr. William Talbert III, President CDME, President The Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (retired), Dr. Akinwunmi Adeshina, President of the African Development Bank Group, Honorable Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman and Commissioner District 12, Board of County Commissioner (retired), Honorable Jean Monestine, Commissioner, District 2, Board of County Commissioners (retired), Honorable Javier D. Souto, Commissioner, District 10, (retired) and Mrs. Evelyn Wynn (posthumously).

The Medal of Glory Awards will be presented during the 24th annual AfrICANDO US-Africa Trade & Investment Conference Expo under the theme The Diaspora: Accelerating U.S.-Africa Trade, Investment, and Technological Innovation, slated for 25-27 October 2023 during the Awards Gala and Dinner on Friday 27, 2023 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Miami.

The Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA) is a development organization committed to promoting participatory democracy, economic growth, and sustainable development throughout Africa. Founded in 1994, FDA is a 501c 3 not for profit, nongovernmental, nonpartisan institution headquartered in Washington, DC with offices in Miami, Florida, USA. FDA’s mission is to: (1) implement culturally sensitive programs designed to strengthen and enhance the fundamental principles of democracy, freedom, and economic plurality throughout Africa, and (2) integrate emerging African democracies into the mainstream of the global economy, thus cultivating the pathway for peace and prosperity in Africa.

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