

Exceeding Expectations



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Ms Ajao is the Executive Director of MRL Public Sector Consultants Limited (MRL). Ms Ajao formed MRL Public Sector Consultants Ltd in October 2002 after leaving PWC Consulting (formerly Pricewaterhousecoopers) to work as an independent consultant. MRL Public Sector Consultants has since grown and is now a Recognised Practice of the Institute of Business Consulting (IBC), a Corporate Member of the Chartered Institute of Management (CIM) and a Corporate Member of the Association for Project Management (APM) specialising in the public sector. MRL is also ISO 9001:2000 certified and Investors in People (IIP) accredited.



Whilst at PWC Consulting, Ms Ajao was employed as a Senior Consultant in the Government and Defence Service. Prior to working with PWC Consulting, Ms Ajao worked as a consultant within the Government and Public Service Practice of PA Consulting following eight years experience working at the strategic and at the local levels of government. Ms Ajao has worked for several UK government departments including the Department for Transport, the United Kingdom Identity and Passport Service, the Department for Works and Pension, the Cabinet Office, the Driving Vehicle Licensing Authority and the Department for Children Schools and Families undertaking a variety of assignments. At local government level she has worked for the London Borough's of Southwark, Lewisham and Hillingdon, Wycombe District Council and Kent County Council.

Ms Ajao has extensive experience in programme and project management, conducting scoping studies, organisational reviews and design, communications and stakeholder management, performance management, corporate strategy development, and public sector management. She also has expertise in change management, leadership tutoring and coaching. Her work involves working closely with Top Management Teams including Ministers, Permanent Secretaries Chief Executive Officers and advising senior government officials, i.e. Senior Civil Servants and Members of Parliament in the UK.

Ms Ajao is an adviser to government and has worked on several key government national programmes both in the UK and internationally. Ms Ajao initially trained as a Land Surveyor and Town Planner before moving into Management Consultancy with a special interest in the public sector. Ms Ajao holds a BA, M.Phil, MBA and an M.Sc in Consulting and Coaching for Change from Oxford University (UK) and HEC in Paris (France). Ms Ajao also holds a certificate in Management Research from Cranfield University Management School and a certificate in Leadership from Harvard University. She is a member of several professional institutions, including a Fellow of the Institute of Business Consulting, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management, a Member of the Association of Project Management and Member of the Institute of Directors, and has been appointed as one of the Regional Chairs for the prestigious Institute of Business Consulting.

In December 2007, she was one of the recipients of the Nigerian Achievers Golden Commendation Award. In March, as a result of her outstanding achievements, Ms Ajao was recognised by 'Who is who' of Britain's Business Elite 2008 – Business Leaders of the Millennium, as being in the top 1% of executives in the UK amongst 2.2 million companies.

