

PROFILE OF DR. KADRI OBAFEMI HAMZAT

Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat is the current Deputy Governor of Lagos State. A celebrated technocrat, celebrated for both his technical expertise and public service achievements.

Below are his profile and achievements.

A. Academic & Private-Sector Foundations

- Earned a B.Sc. (1986) and M.Sc. (1988) in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Ibadan, followed by a Ph.D. in Process/System Engineering from Cranfield University in 1992—remarkably the first to complete it in three years.
- Completed executive education at Harvard’s Kennedy School.
- Held prominent roles in the private sector, including positions at RTP Consulting Services, Columbia University, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, and as Group Head of IT Strategy/Chief Information Officer at Oando Plc.

B. Technocratic Leadership in Lagos State Government

1. Commissioner for Science & Technology (2005–2011)

- Introduced automation of government processes, launched Oracle ERP with 11 modules, and eliminated ghost workers—transforming data and record-keeping in Lagos State.
- Deployed e-Health systems across 13 general hospitals and built a Statewide Geographic Information System (GIS) and robust network infrastructure.
- Established ICT labs and e-tutors in over 220 secondary schools and an ICT skills acquisition program for over 1,500 youths.
- Initiated a Residents’ Registration Agency to build a comprehensive population database akin to a social security system.
- Initiated a forensic laboratory in Badagry to enhance criminal investigations.
- Developed “Solar Villages” for decentralized solar-powered electrification, benefiting off-grid communities and SMEs.
- Enhanced data storage systems with advanced Storage Area Network infrastructure for improved information security.

2. Commissioner for Works & Infrastructure (2011–2015)

- Oversaw construction of major projects including:

- **Lekki-Ikoyi Bridge** (Nigeria's first cable-stayed bridge)
- Major upgrades and expansion of **Lekki-Epe Expressway** (~50 km)
- Construction of **Lekki Expressway, Yaya-Abatan Road, Ajeromi-Ifelodun Cemetery Road**, and expansion of **Badagry Expressway** with a rail component.

3. Special Adviser (Technical), Federal Ministry of Works, Power & Housing (2016–2018)

- Advised the Honourable Minister (Babatunde Fashola) on road and infrastructure assets.
- Consulted for federal MDAs on architecture, structural design, quantity surveying, and engineering project management.

4. Deputy Governor of Lagos State (2019–Present)

- Elected Deputy Governor since May 2019 and re-elected in 2023, serving during the **Greater Lagos** and **T.H.E.M.E.S+** governance agendas.
- Celebrated for improving the **ease of doing business**, reducing bureaucratic delays, and supporting **innovation hubs** and infrastructure development.
- Championed the **Public Service Accelerator Programme (PSAP)** to empower mid-level civil servants with leadership and adaptive governance skills.
- **Commended community initiatives** such as the awarding of educational scholarships to 79 students by the Ikorodu-Oga Development Association.
- Advocated for engineers and technology at broader platforms—for example, delivering a keynote to new engineering graduates on innovation and national development.
- Encouraged effective governance via staff development, praising the first ministry retreat in over 15 years for enhanced staff learning and performance.

C. Recognition & Legacy

- Honored as **Most Complimentary Deputy Governor of the Year (2022)** by Top10 Magazine.

- President Bola Tinubu lauded him for setting benchmarks in governance and infrastructure development, describing Hamzat’s public service contributions as “remarkable”.
- Described by a peer as a “technocrat par excellence,” whose achievements have significantly enhanced Lagos State’s welfare.
- Acknowledged for his integrity, humility, and dedication—qualities that endear him to colleagues and citizens alike.
- Dr Kadri Obafemi Hamzat won the **5th Lagos State Man of the Year Award** in September 2013 during his tenure as the Commissioner for Works and Infrastructure. He was recognized for his exceptional public service, efficient resource management, and stellar delivery of major infrastructural projects across Lagos State.
- Beacon of Islam (Peace) Award from Lagos Central Mosque.
- Award of Outstanding Governance by the Nigeria Society of Engineers, Glasgow branch.

D. Summary Table: Key Contributions at a Glance

Role	Notable Achievements
Technocrat in the Private Sector	Leadership in global firms and IT strategy at Oando Plc
Commissioner, Science & Technology	ERP rollout, e-Health, GIS, ICT for schools/youths, forensic labs, data systems
Commissioner, Works & Infrastructure	Major infrastructure projects including the Lekki-Ikoyi Bridge
Special Adviser (Technical)	Infrastructure guidance at the federal level
Deputy Governor	Business environment reforms, civil service innovation, education and scholarship support, capacity building initiatives
Recognition	Awards, tributes from national figures, reputation for excellence

E. Conclusion:

From pioneering technological reforms to spearheading infrastructural transformations and now steering governance innovation, **Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat** stands out as a dynamic and principled leader whose technocratic approach continues to shape Lagos State and beyond.

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