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### Mayor's Message

On behalf of the Town of Milton, I want to extend congratulations to Adejisola Atiba and both the Council of Nigerian Professionals and Council of African Professionals on this significant occasion.

The Town continues to support events that celebrate diversity and foster unity within the community. We thank you for your hard work and dedication to bringing this exciting celebration to Milton.

Your efforts to build a more inclusive and educated future truly contribute to making Milton A Place of Possibility.

Sincerely,

Gord Krantz

Mayor, Town of Milton



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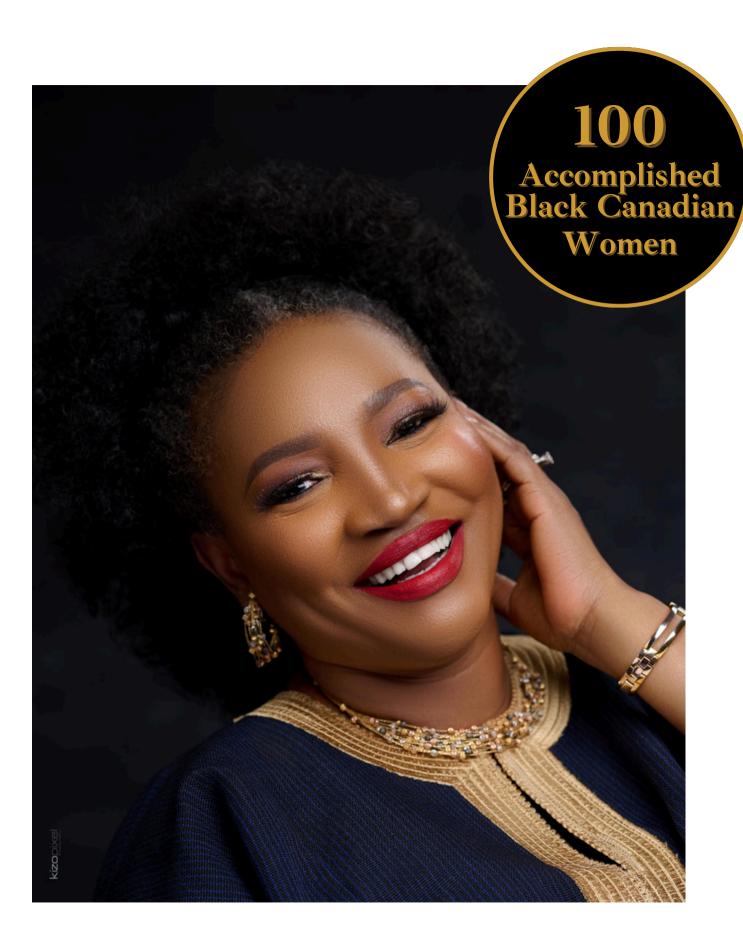
# Honored & Recognized



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June 10, 2024

Adejisola Atiba (Lady ABHA):

I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on being named the Mawirehemaa, Queen Mother and being recognized by the NANA ATTA KAKRA IX of Gomoa Ojobi Traditional Area of Central Region, Republic of Ghana.

This prestigious honour is a testament to your unwavering dedication, wisdom, and grace. Your tireless efforts and contributions have undoubtedly left a lasting impact on the community, and it is truly inspiring to see you recognized for your exceptional leadership and service.

As you step into this esteemed role, I have no doubt that you will continue to inspire and guide with the same compassion and integrity that have defined your journey thus far. Your vision and commitment will surely bring about positive change and prosperity for all those you lead.

I wish you and the Council of Nigerian Professionals and the Council of African Professionals great success.

Once again, congratulations on this well-deserved honor. May your reign as Queen Mother be filled with joy, success, and fulfillment.

With warmest regards,

Bry !

Rory Nisan
City of Burlington Councillor, Ward 3
Deputy Mayor of the Environment

### FROM THE EDITOR

### EMBRACING THE TITLE OF MAWIREHEMAA: A JOURNEY OF UNITY AND SERVICE

As an African born and raised in Nigeria, I have always understood the profound significance of unity and mutual support within our continent. The diverse cultures, languages, and traditions of Africa have the power to uplift and strengthen us when we embrace togetherness. Since coming to Canada, this realization has deepened, enriching my experiences.

The title of Mawirehemaa is not just an honor but a profound responsibility. It symbolizes a commitment to cultural heritage, social welfare, and unyielding community support. As Mawirehemaa, I will embrace the role of a maternal figure and advisor, dedicated to fostering unity and promoting the well-being of all.

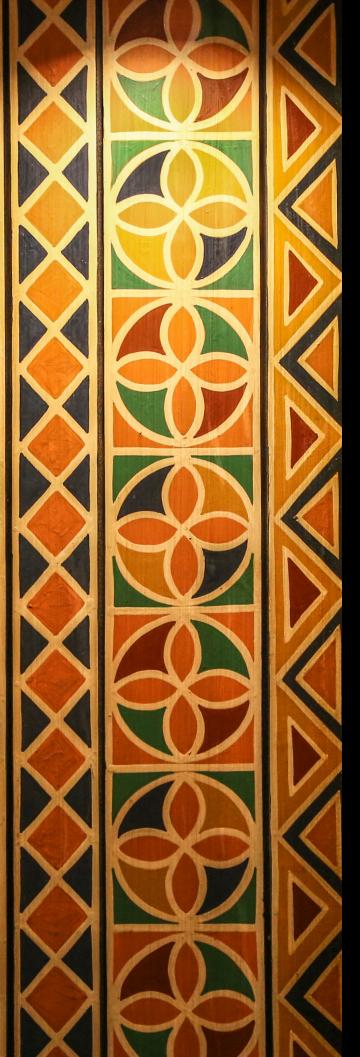
This nomination is the pinnacle of my journey, affirming that we, as Africans, are one. It reminds us that despite our different backgrounds, we share a common goal: to uplift and support each other. The Ghanaian community's recognition of my efforts epitomizes Pan-African unity. It calls for us to come together, respect each other, and work collaboratively to be the best versions of ourselves. I am deeply honored and humbled by this recognition, which symbolizes our shared commitment. Let us continue to support and uplift one another, building a legacy of unity and service that will inspire future generations.



EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



# COMING TO CANADA! THE JOURNEY & EXPECTATIONS



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Born in Ibadan, the 7th largest city in Africa, 3rd most populous City in Nigeria, and capital of Oyo State. Her father, Late Prince Y. Adepoju Atiba was a prince from Oyo State, and her mother, Madam Aolat Esuji Atiba, Nee Oyebanj, a seasoned trader.

Praise Singing for her Oyo heritage:

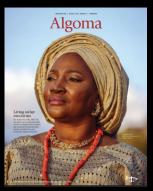
Iku baba yeye alase ekeji orisha Ojo o pa şekere mo de, omo Atiba Omo iku ti iku o gbodo pa Omo arun ti arun o gbodo se Omo ofo ti ofo o gbodo ta....

As a young child from a polygamous home (her father married 18 wives), she was showered with love and affection. Her father died in 1993, and life happened, but true to her belief in God and heritage, things turned around. Her life has been a testament of resilience, determination, unwavering pursuit of excellence, and her belief in God.

Adejisola began her illustrious banking career in Nigeria in 1989. Over 15 years, she honed her skills, earned a bachelor's degree in banking and finance, and established herself as a seasoned professional in the industry. In 1998, she welcomed her first son, Immanuel A. O., into the world, balancing motherhood with her thriving career. Though life was not perfect, with the addition of a new life, but with her belief in God as well as her future in Nigeria's banking sector: things began to appear bright and secure.

However, in 2004, Adejisola life took a dramatic turn when she immigrated to Canada. With a wealth of experience and expertise, she expected to seamlessly transition into the Canadian banking sector. Instead, she faced a harsh reality: her qualifications and experience were not recognized in her new home. Despite applying for over one hundred positions, she received no responses. It was a rude awakening. There was no work or place for her in the Canadian job market.

# AND THEN ITHINE



### "WON NI FI ELOOMI SEMI: I KNOW WHO I AM, I KNOW WHOSE I AM, IT IS TIME TO UNLEARN, PRIORITIZE, FOCUS AND BE INTENTIONAL"

To make ends meet, Adejisola took on a factory job and started volunteering as an assistant teacher, teaching English as a 2nd language at the Brampton Multicultural Center (the start of her volunteer life), roles far removed from her professional background.

Adejisola's turning point came unexpectedly. While accompanying a friend to open a bank account, the account manager (Hudson, originally from Trinidad and Tobago), upon learning about her extensive banking experience, asked why she was not working in a bank. This casual conversation led to a significant breakthrough. Hudson introduced her to a colleague (Modupe Arubuola, her very 1st mentor in Canada) which eventually resulted in her first job offer in Canada's banking sector as a customer representative/teller with RBC, Royal Bank of Canada.

Despite her experience, skills, and expertise, she embraced the role with humility and enthusiasm, determined to rebuild her career from the ground up. While working as a customer service representative, Adejisola completed all the professional qualifications needed to become a financial planner. She learned about the financial planning role, from a financial planner (Carmin Cautillo, her 2nd mentor). She was supported by her leaders, Edlira and Karen for the position of account manager, where she quickly established herself as one of the top-performing employees and won the

RBC Annual Excellence Award in 2011 (a trip for two, all expenses paid cruise), under the leadership of Emiliana. She also started honing her skills in volunteering. She started volunteering with Knight's Table, a charitable organization for the homeless in Brampton Ontario. She also became a financial literacy teacher and volunteer with JA Central Ontario.

Adejisola continued to push her boundaries. She went back to school for four years in 2013 because she could not obtain her transcripts from Nigeria, and she obtained a 2nd bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in Human Resources from Algoma University, Brampton Ontario Campus, she graduated with Honors. During this time, she also started working as a financial planner with RBC.

At this time, she knew she needed to do more for her community based on her lived experience. She connected with a colleague, Len Carby, and started Black Empowerment Council of Canada (BECOC). In their bid to enlist other people, they met with various leaders in the community, and decided to come together with a brand-new idea then, that eventually became Federation of Black Canadians (FBC), she was a founding member and a steering committee member till she resigned to focus on other grassroots organizations.

In 2018, after her 2nd bachelor's degree, she was

able to register for her EMBA in Digital Transformation with DeGroote School of Business, McMaster University, Ontario Canada. This educational journey paved the way for her first leadership role at RBC. Adejisola was supported for the branch manager role by her leader, mentor and sponsor Michelle Penman. Adejisola moved into leadership, because of her passion to inspire, support, and motivate others like her to believe.

This was when her journey in the volunteering world and non-profit world took off. She connected with friends and professionals, and Council of Nigerian Professionals was registered in August 2018.

After 4 plus years as a branch manager, she moved on to become manager, financial planning associates, supporting fifty-three team members across three locations. With the support of her leader, mentor and sponsor, Maria Bosnjak, she was able to excel in the role. After 2 years in the role, Maria, and her leader, supported her to move onto her current role as the Community Manager, where she leads around forty-one team members in four branches.

She has had the privilege of been supported by great authentic leaders, that includes, Chinyere Eni Mclean, Madam Harriet Thornhill, Rebeca Pang, Kris Depencier and Antoinette Walcott. She has been able to give back to many professionals, and new immigrants within and outside of her community. In 2020 African Caribbean Council of Halton was started. In 2023, Council of Nigerian Professionals Inc. registered Council of African Professionals Inc, because of the realization that we are all the same, and needed the same support.

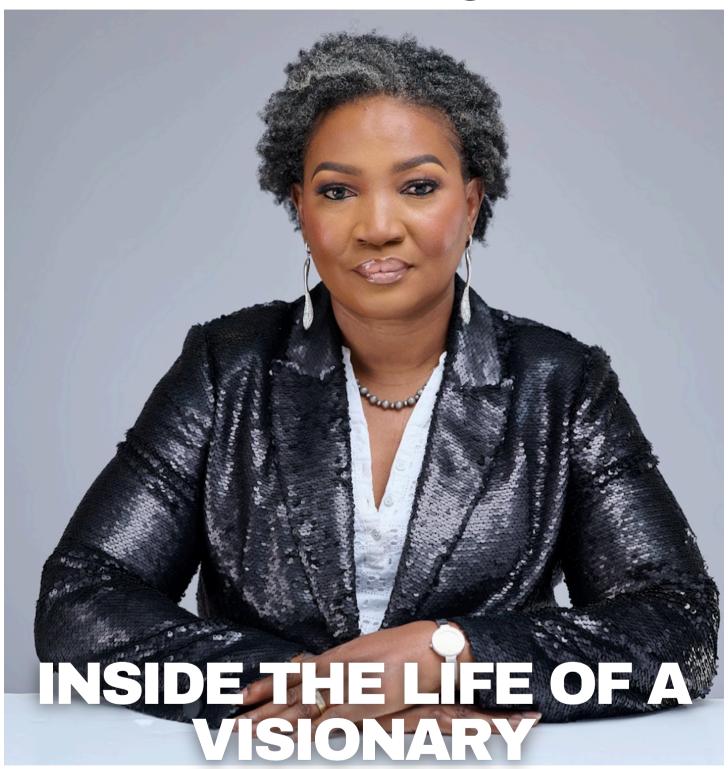
Adejisola's story is that of resilience and determination, showcasing her ability to overcome significant obstacles and emerge stronger. Her story is not just a narrative of personal struggle and achievement but also an inspiring testament to the power of perseverance. Her journey from Ibadan to Canada exemplifies the spirit of countless immigrants who, despite numerous obstacles, relentlessly pursue their dreams, enriching their new communities with their skills, knowledge, and cultural heritage.

Adejisola's experience serves as a powerful reminder that, it is not over until it is over. She encourages us all to not give up on her dreams, and goals. We also need to remember that we cannot allow our fear of the unknown to

stop us.



### THE WHO!



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# THE WHO: INSIDE THE LIFE OF A VISIONARY!

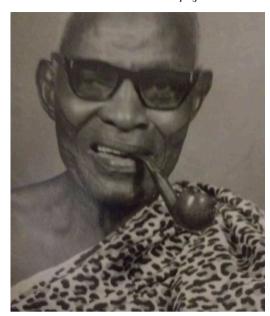
Adejisola Atiba started her banking career in Nigeria. Worked with Societe Generale Bank Nigeria and Nigeria International Bank (Citi Bank). Migrated to Canada in 2005. Started her banking career in Canada in 2006. Adejisola is more than a banking professional; she is a dedicated community advocate. Using her platform, she passionately promotes equity, diversity, and inclusion, striving to make a difference in her community and the broader Canadian society. Adejisola is also a lifestyle coach and a published author, mentor, motivational speaker, storyteller, and through all these mediums she shares her wealth of knowledge, expertise, and most importantly, her story.

Her difficult transition to her professional career in Canada ignited a desire to pave the way for others, ensuring they do not face the same challenges she did. Alone and without support upon her arrival, Adejisola now dedicates herself to empowering individuals of all ages through various programs, leveraging the various non-profit organizations she supports or sits on the board

### "BANKING IS MY PROFESSION; COMMUNITY IS MY PASSION"

Adejisola's community engagement is extensive and impactful. She is the founder of three non-profit organizations: the Council of Nigerian Professionals Inc (CNP), the African Caribbean Council of Halton (ACCH) And the Council of African Professionals (CAP). She was a board member of United Way Halton and Hamilton. A board member of the Rotary Club of Milton, where she serves as the youth chair, and 2023/2024 club president. She firmly believes in paying it forward and is deeply involved in her community.

### Prince Y . Adepoju Atiba & Madam Aolat Esuji Atiba (Nee Oyebanji)



She has a passion for supporting the youths to become the leaders they are meant to be, and so with the support of the various non-profit organizations, the leadership, she focuses on various activities to meet this goal, like the CNP Black History Event Essay Writing



Competition which is in its 5th year. It has recognized and awarded over 50 students since it's inception. As well as the African Caribbean and Black Excellence Scholarship Award in its 2nd year and has supported over 20 students in the Halton region.



Adebola, Adelola, Adepeju (representing her late mom-Adefolake, (picture insert)), Damilola and Adetola

Adejisola's family life is rich, full of love, care, forgiveness, and empathy. She met her husband through a mutual friend, and they have been married for many years. Adejisola is a biological mother of two boys, but mother of many. Her first son is finishing his law degree in the United Kingdom and runs his own graphic consulting business, while the youngest is in grade II with plans to pursue a career in the medical or technology field. She is very close to her siblings and their families.

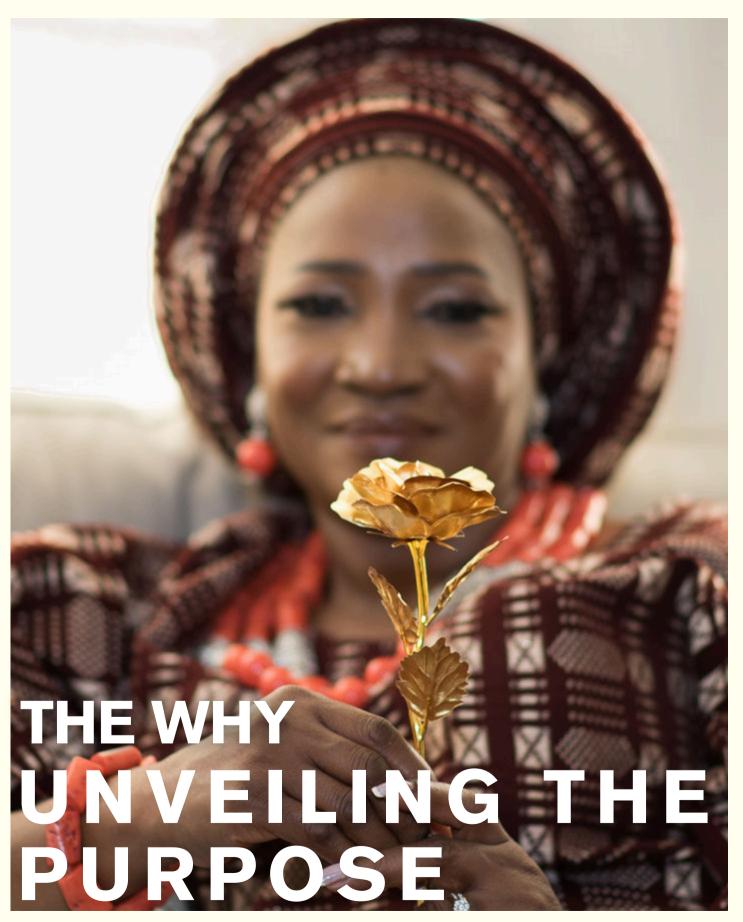
Adejisola's spouse, Tunde Dimeji has other children, they are all working on their careers, and one of them, Olajide is also in banking.

Adejisola's family is known for their volunteerism, and dedicating much of their time to helping within their community, embodying the spirit of service that Adejisola champions in all aspects of her life.

Adejisola's lifelong learning ethos and myriad contributions have earned her numerous awards. These community engagements led to her introduction to His Royal Highness KING Nana Yaw Osam I who introduced and recommended her for the Mawirehemaa title. Her story is a powerful testament to the impact one individual can make in fostering a supportive, inclusive, and empowered community.



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# THE WHY UNVEILING THE PURPOSE



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I put pen to paper because God has given me the grace to understand my vision and purpose in life. "My Vision and Purpose in Life is to Support, Coach, Inspire, Motivate and Build others up". That is what I do as a first child of my mother to my brothers and sisters. That is what I do in my nuclear family with my children and spouse, That is what I do within my community. That is what I do with my contacts, connections and friends. That is what I do as a leader in my workplace.

I have had a lot of people ask how I am able to do what I do. My perspective is that, when it is your passion, it no longer feels like a job. You just slip right in. As you continue to do what you love and enjoy doing, it becomes second nature, because you get better at whatever you do.

My questions to everyone reading this are:
Do you know why you are here?
Do you know why you are alive today?
Do you know what you are created to do in this world?
The impact you, only you can make in this world.
Do you know your Vision and Purpose in Life?

I dare say it is critically important to know your purpose and vision in life. As I mentioned earlier, we all have a story to tell, but most of us tend to wait until we achieve our CEO role before, we put pen to paper.

I highly recommend, we put pen to paper anyway, because, there is someone out there that needs to hear your story.

- Someone needs those words of encouragement
- Someone needs to know they can make it
- Someone needs to know that they just need to take the next step, and the next step, and the next step.
- Someone needs to know that there is light at the end of the tunnel

You have heard many time that life is unfair. It is, and it could be. So, let us break it down a little more, for instance, why is life not fair?

Could it be because...

- 1. Things are not going the way we hoped.
- 2. Others seem to have it better.
- 3. Are we comparing ourselves to others?
- 4. Do we feel we always get a bad deal?
- 5. We experience obstacles, and see no opportunity to achieve our goals?
- 6. We wonder when our time will come.
- 7. We have put in the very best, all it takes, but have nothing to show for it.

Our thoughts also depend on your perspective. We have heard the saying about looking at life through the analogy of a half full or half empty cup. I am happy to share with you, that, yes, life can feel like half full or half empty most



times, but life could also be like a cup that is refillable. It is all about our believe and our perspective.

Remember, if you have a spirit not to stay on the floor when you fall, but to get up all the time, and every time, because there is much to be grateful for, so much more to live for, and because it could absolutely be worse. So, we have identified a problem life is unfair and for whatever reason it seems so. What then are you going to do about it?

It is great to identify a problem, an issue, but it should not stop there. It is the same thing when we complain about something or criticize something, we cannot stop there. Next step is, what will I do about this situation? What advise can I give, how can things get better, be improved? Where can I go for support? Life could be unfair, based on what we did not do, and when it matters most, we feel the pain of the unfairness of life. In other instances, we had no choice, it was just the hand we were dealt in life, that does not mean that we allow the situation to take the better of us.

5 areas I leverage now, that i feel can help heal the world and most importantly, heal ourselves are namely:

- 1. Know who you are, know your brand, do not live somebodys life for them. You have something already; we all know the adage that Rome was not built in a day. A child born today, cannot start running immediately. Build yourself up, everyday is a learning process, be better daily and be the best version of yourself.
- 2. Network: seems easy enough, but a lot of people do not know how to or the value it adds. You must learn to get out of your shell, the only thing that happens there is loneliness. Make the first move to introduce yourself to someone in a gathering. Do not wait for others to do it first, follow up with those you want to stay in touch with, and you build your network one networking event at a time.
- **3.** Volunteer: Give your time, your passion, your skills, and your expertise to someone else.
- **4.** Have a culture of continuous learning: In a world that is constantly changing, continuous learning has become the norm. To stay competitive, relevant, and ahead of the curve, you must be open to take lessons from the old, learn new things, and be futuristic.
- **5.** Look-up and Speak-up: Find your voice, speak-up cause silence is not an option.

Finally, try to remember the following:

Shake Of Negativity

It's not over until you change your address to 6ft under Focus on what you can control?

Do not wait for affirmation from anyone, trust your guts.

Dont Be Static

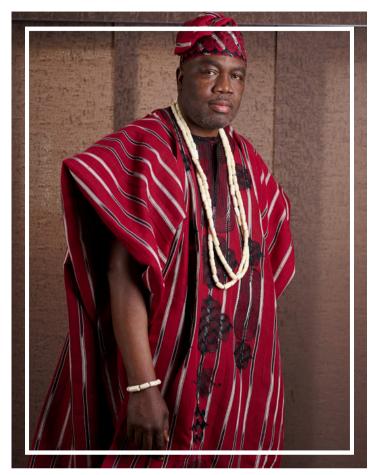
Believe In You

No means Next opportunity

Have A Little Fun

We need to do everything in our power to be uncomfortable at being limited and put in a box, We Have to "Be LIMITLESS!' (watch out for my next book, Be Limitless).

### **Through Their Eyes: Perspectives on Adejisola Atiba**



Adejisola Atiba, also known as Lady ABHA, is a remarkable woman and my amazing mom. She is the president of CNP, founder of ACCH, current president of Rotary Club of Milton, and a community manager at RBC. Her dedication to her work and community is inspiring, and she balances her many responsibilities with grace.

Despite her professional achievements, she remains a beacon of love and support for our family. She put my brother through university and law school, and consistently supports me in my studies. Her selflessness and dedication inspire me to strive for better. I am incredibly grateful for her constant support and the invaluable lessons she has taught me.

I deeply admire my wonderful wife, Adejisola Atiba, for her exceptional qualities as a mother, wife, and community leader. She creates a loving, supportive home environment for our kids, instilling confidence and kindness. Her unwavering devotion is the cornerstone of our family's happiness. Beyond our home, Adejisola's influence is profound, characterized by her remarkable sense of purpose and unbreakable spirit. She inspires others and seizes growth opportunities with transformative leadership that unites and promotes progress. Her generosity, tenacity, and strength are unparalleled, making her beloved and respected by many. Being her spouse and witnessing her incredible impact fills me with unending pride. Adejisola, you truly are the center of all we value.

### **TUNDE DIMEJI**

Adejisola is an authentic, caring, and genuine leader. She is an amazing coach who enables our team to strive for excellence and to be our best selves. She consistently and selflessly contributes to the community where she fosters a culture of inclusion and belonging. Through her valiant efforts she provides immense support, mentorship, and opportunities, cultivating a thriving environment that is the ideal vessel for personal and professional growth.

### **ELIDA SHUKULLI**

### **OREOFEOLUWA DIMEJI**

## THE HOW!

# WHERE ACTION MEETS SUCCESS



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# THE HOW: WHERE ACTION MEETS SUCCESS

Adejisola's extensive work has earned her numerous accolades and awards. These awards recognize her exceptional contributions to her community and professional fields.

#### AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- 100 ABC Accomplished Black Women, 2024
- 10 Most Successful Black Businesswomen Making a Difference in 2024
- CIBWE Top 100 Black Women to Watch of 2023
- Sankofa Royale, Community Leadership Influencer Award 2023
- 2023 Black History Month Community Award
- 2022 Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee
   Pin recipient by MP. Adam
- 2022 CAUFP Power of One Award
- 2022 Hon. Minister Karina Gould Volunteer Award recipient
- 2022 Non-profit Appreciation certificate by MPP Effie Triantafilopoulos
- 2022 Recognition Certificate by MPP Parm Gill
- 2021 Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary Club of Milton
- 2021 Black Excellence Award recipient from MP Adam Van Koeverden
- 2020 RBC Global Citizen Award winner
- 2019 Excellence Achievement Award Woman Achiever.
- 2011 RBC Conference Award Winner.





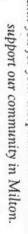


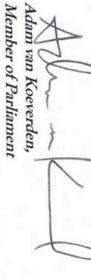
# Adam van Koeverden, M.P.

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# Adejisola Atiba

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#### A FAMILY ETHOS OF SERVICE

Her family's support plays a crucial role in her success. She always says that she is blessed to have siblings that care for her. Having her boys and all her other children care and support all her volunteering opportunities. Married for many years, her husband is caring, forgiving and supportive of who she is. They have fostered a culture of volunteering and community service within their family. Their children are pursuing ambitious careers while also making their mark in the community.

### A Family Ethos of Service

Her family's support plays a crucial role in her success. Married for 20 years, Adejisola and her husband have fostered a culture of volunteering and community service within their family. Their children, too, are pursuing ambitious careers while contributing to their community.

#### **EMPATHY AND DETERMINATION**

Adejisola's experiences of hardship in her home country and in Canada instilled in her a deep empathy and determination to help others. She uses her platform to ensure that newcomers do not face the same struggles she did, constantly working to create opportunities and support networks for them.

Adejisola Atibas success is the result of strategic preparation, seizing opportunities, and a relentless drive to uplift her community. Her story is a powerful example of how meticulous planning, continuous learning, and a commitment to service can lead to extraordinary achievements.

"EVERYBODY HAS A PURPOSE. EVERYBODY HAS TALENTS. LIVING LIFE BEGINS WITH GAINING AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHY YOU ARE HERE. MY PURPOSE AND VISION IN LIFE IS TO SUPPORT OTHERS, BUILD PEOPLE UP, BE A VOICE OF ENCOURAGEMENT, INSPIRE AND MOTIVATE OTHERS. AS I DO THIS, IT MAKES ME A BETTER PERSON, A WIN-WIN SITUATION"



### THE BRANDS BEHIND THE NAME!

Exploring the Essence of The Name

Adejisola Atiba is a name synonymous with resilience, leadership, and community advocacy. Her journey from Ibadan, Nigeria, to Canada is marked by significant professional accomplishments and deep community involvement. Adejisola's influence spans across various brands, businesses, and organizations, each benefitting from her expertise and passion for making a difference.

Community Engagement and Advocacy Adejisola usually says "Community never sleeps". Our jobs are cut out for us, it must steam out of passion, or you won't be able to do it. It takes a lot, but the end always justifies the mean. She jokes about having the light at the front of the tunnel, instead of at the end of the tunnel. Community service is truly gratifying to her, and satisfaction comes with being able to support, just one person.

Her involvement with these brands, businesses, and organizations highlights her multifaceted impact on both her professional sphere and the broader community. Her leadership, advocacy, and unwavering commitment to service make her a remarkable figure in Canadian society, continuously working to uplift and empower those around her.



MY IMPERFECTION MAKES ME PERFECT, BE **REAL, BE YOU, YOU ARE ENOUGH!** 

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RBC (Royal Bank of Canada)

Adejisola's professional journey in Canada saw her rise through the ranks at RBC. Starting as a customer representative, she leveraged her extensive experience to become a top-performing account manager, branch manager, and later, Manager of Financial Planning Associates.

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Rotary Club of Milton

As the President of the Rotary Club of Milton, Adejisola leads initiatives that promote peace, fight disease, support education, and grow local economies. Her leadership has propelled the club's mission of service above self, impacting numerous lives locally and globally.





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Algoma University

As an ambassador for Algoma University, Adejisola advocates for higher education and supports initiatives that help students from diverse backgrounds succeed. Her role includes promoting the university's programs and engaging with potential students and stakeholders.

Access Employment





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United Way Halton and Hamilton

Adejisola serves on the board of United Way Halton and Hamilton, an organization committed to improving lives and building stronger communities. Her role involves strategic planning and advocacy, ensuring that the organization's goals align with the needs of the community.



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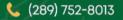


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### The Office of Mayor Marianne Meed Ward City of Burlington

July 27, 2024

Dear Members of the Council of Nigerian Professionals & Council of African Professionals:

I am writing to extend my warmest congratulations on the occasion of your exciting event Culture Blast: A Colourful Journey into Culture. As Mayor of Burlington, I am proud to support initiatives like Culture Blast that promote inclusivity, understanding, and mutual respect among all members of our community. Your dedication to celebrating diversity and fostering unity is an inspiration to us all.

Culture Blast promises to be a wonderful event for Halton Region and its vibrant communities. The evening's lineup, featuring Indigenous heritage, newcomers' perspectives, and community policing, will play a pivotal role in achieving your organization's goals to promote understanding, collaboration, and appreciation among our diverse populations. Events like this and organizations like yours are what makes our region and country the great place it is to live.

I would like to extend my formal congratulations to the Adejisola Atiba (Lady ABHA) for her naming and coronation as Mawirehemaa (Queen Mother), and I offer my sincere thanks to everyone who played a part in the planning and execution of tonight's event. May it be an evening filled with celebration and meaningful connections.

Best wishes for a fantastic event!

Sincerely,

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