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appropriate attention within the legislative process. Her political interests are grounded in the belief that public office should serve the people and that every community deserves to be heard and considered in matters affecting its development.

FAMILY AND PERSONAL LIFE

Beyond her professional engagements, progress is a Christian, a mother, and a family oriented woman. She's blessed with four children from a marriage that was annulled in 2008. Her children have pursued different educational and professional paths: Her first son is a Lawyer, her first daughter is a Medical Doctor, her younger son is a graduate of Economics and also manages the family business, while her younger daughter is an undergraduate student at Nile University, Abuja.

Her family journey forms part of her personal experience of responsibility, perseverance, and the importance of education and personal development. She continues to pursue her own academic and professional ambitions while remaining committed to her family, business interests, advocacy work, and public service aspirations.

HER COMMITMENT

Progress Okuk's story brings together entrepreneurship, education, family, advocacy, and political participation. From building businesses and supporting skills development to advocating for women and children and seeking elective office her public journey is shaped, significantly, by profound interest in expanding opportunities and strengthening Community participation.

Her overarching aspiration is to contribute to a society in which women can lead, young people can develop their potential, children are protected, businesses can grow operating in full strength and capacity, and communities have a meaningful voice in governance.

For Progress Okuk, leadership is not simply about occupying a position, it is about responsibility, service and the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the lives of everyone, including impacting their physical landscape.



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WHO IS PROGRESS OKUK?

Hon. Progress Albert Okuk, whose native name is Etong, is an emerging advocate for Women's Leadership, Inclusive Governance, Community Development and Social Impact. An astute Entrepreneur and Community-focused Leader, she brings together experience in Business Management, Fashion, Hospitality, Youth Empowerment, and Women's and Children's Rights Advocacy. She also has a rich background in Banking and Finance, and Telecommunications as well to draw from.

She's the Second Child and daughter of the late Dr. Albert Ese Okuk of Eyulor, Urue Offong/Oruko Local Government Area, and Princess Anne Benson Ntekim of Udesi Akai Owu, Mbo Local Government Area, Akwa Ibom State. Born on 1st May 1979, Progress has built her Professional and Public life around Entrepreneurship, Personal Development, Community Service and the Advancement of Women and Young People.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Progress began her early education at Charles Walker International School, Calabar and Completed her primary education at Presbyterian School, Ikom. She attended Holy Child Secondary School, Ikom, before completing her secondary education at Estate Grammar School Lagos. She proceeded to the University of Calabar, where she obtained a degree with a major in Environmental Science and Resources Management.

In her continued pursuit of knowledge and professional excellence, she has undertaken Professional Studies and certifications in Strategic Planning in Public Administration at the London School of Economics; Public Management and Governance, and Public Relations and Strategic Communications at the University of Oxford; and Public Relations Planning, Digital Media, Stakeholder Engagement, and Crisis Management at the University of Johannesburg.

In honour of her late father's long-held desire to see her become a Legal Practitioner, Progress is currently studying Law at Nile University, Abuja. Her decision reflects her commitment to personal growth and her desire to deepen her understanding of the legal and governance frameworks that shape society.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

An astute businesswoman, Progress founded NKAISO in 2010, establishing a business platform with interests Spanning Fashion, Furniture Design, Hospitality, and Marine Transportation.

Through NKAISO and its associated business activities, she has pursued opportunities in Enterprise Development, Local Production, Job Creation, and Skills Acquisition. Her work in fashion has also provided opportunities to promote vocational skills and support the development of young people through practical training.

Her professional experience extends across Hospitality Management, Telecommunications, Banking and Finance, Marketing, Customer Relations, and Business Administration. She has held roles involving Operational Management, Team Leadership, Business Development, Stakeholder Engagement, and Service Delivery. Her experience in these sectors has contributed to her understanding of Entrepreneurship, Workforce Development, Economic Participation, and the practical challenges faced by business and working families.

WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ADVOCACY

Progress is a committed advocate for women's advancement, Child Protection, Girl-Child Education, and the Prevention of Domestic Violence.

She co-founded Green Havens Foundation, through which she has been involved in advocacy and Support Initiatives for women and children, particularly individuals affected by domestic violence and other forms of vulnerability.

The foundation's work has included Counseling, Rehabilitation Support, Informal Skills Acquisition, Mentoring, and Assistance to Indigent Children and Survivors of Domestic Violence.

Her advocacy places emphasis on helping women rebuild their lives, develop Practical Skills, pursue economic independence, and access support systems that promote their dignity and well-being.

She also supports initiatives that encourage girls to remain in School, acquire relevant skills, and overcome Social and economic barriers to educate and personal development.

LEADERSHIP GOVERNANCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Progress is an emerging Voice in Women's Leadership, Public Governance, and Social Impact. Her community focused approach places importance on Citizen participation, accountability, inclusive development and the creation of opportunities for young people.

Her advocacy interests include Good Governance, Youth Participation in Democratic Process, Women's Inclusion in Leadership, Environmental Responsibility, and Sustainable Community Development.

She believes that meaningful development must extend beyond public promises to practical outcomes that improve people's lives. Her public engagement is centered on the need for communities to be heard. Citizens to participate in decisions that affect them, and development opportunities to reach women, young people, and underserved populations.

Her experience in business and Community initiatives informs her interest in economic growth, employment Creation, Skills development, and stronger partnership between Communities and institutions.

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

Progress entry into elective politics reflects her interest in translating Community advocacy and professional experience into public service.

As a Candidate of the Nigeria Democratic Congress (NDC) for the Oron Federal Constituency in the House of Representative for the 2027 general elections, she presents a vision of inclusive representation, accountable governance, and community-centered development.

Her stated vision is to advance legislative governance that is meaningful and beneficial to the people of Oron Federal Constituency. Her approach emphasises grassroots engagement, stakeholder consultation, Youth and Women empowerment, economic development, and transparent representation.

She maintains that effective representation requires listening to the constituents, understanding their priorities, and ensuring that their concerns receive