

## **PROFILE - SIKEADE OLUWAKEMI EGBUWALO**

Sikeade is an experienced conservationist and forestry expert, committed to developing nature-based solutions to climate change impacts and to conserve biodiversity. She has played a pivotal role in shaping environmental policies and strategies, both internationally and to safeguard the Nigeria's ecological heritage.

Throughout her tenure as a Senior Forest Officer and Technical Advisor to the Minister of Environment, Sikeade has spearheaded numerous initiatives like leading the national data collection unit as the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) National Focal Point and Assistant Project Coordinator for updating the Sixth National Report to the CBD. She is also Nigeria's National Focal Point for the CBD Clearing-House Mechanism and the National Focal Point and a member of the CBD Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

Sikeade convened the first-ever regional coordination on implementation of 30by30 and ECOWAS Negotiation Coordination on Biodiversity for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, as well as the Africa Finance Nature Forum held at the Africa Protected Areas Congress. She is also a member of the African Group of Negotiators for Biodiversity Finance and GBF Indicators and the Project Coordinator for Nigeria's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) revision process.

Sikeade's expertise has also been sought for the Review of IPBES Global Assessment on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and for the implementation of the Pollinator-Friendly Land Degradation Neutrality Target Action Plan. She has been a Steering Committee Member for various UNDP-GEF projects. Sikeade's commitment extends to representing Nigeria in global initiatives such as the Leaders Pledge for Nature, Global Ocean Alliance, Blue Leaders Campaign, and High-Ambition Coalition of Nature and People.

Sikeade's ultimate objective is to strengthen the capacity of Nigeria and ECOWAS member states in combating biodiversity loss and addressing the climate crisis through nature-based solutions and improved national and international legal frameworks.