

EDWARD ODUNDO

Mr. Edward Odundo is the Chief Executive Officer of Retirement Benefits Authority (Kenya), honoured by his Excellency the President, Hon. Mwai Kibaki, with The Moran of the Order of The Burning Spear (MBS), Former Director of the Nairobi Stock Exchange (NSE), Director Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA), a Board member of the Insurance Training and Educational Trust and the Vice President of the International Organisation Of Pensions Supervisors (IOPS), having previously served as the Vice Chairman of the Technical Committee of IOPS.

Mr. Odundo has held various high level responsibilities such as the Commissioner of Value Added Tax, Kenya Revenue Authority and Founder and First Chairman of the Forum of VAT Commissioners in Africa with its headquarters in Accra, Ghana; First Financial Controller Kenya Revenue Authority, General Manager, East Africa Reinsurance Company Limited and Finance Manager, Kenya Reinsurance Corporation.

In May 2003, Mr. Odundo was invited by the World Bank to make a presentation on the Management and Supervision of Public Pension Funds at the World Bank, International Public Pension Fund Management Conference and another presentation on Pension Reforms in sub-Saharan Africa to the World Bank Social Protection Department Staff and Country Directors in Washington DC. The World Bank also invited Mr Odundo to be a resource person at the 3rd Annual Public Pension Fund Conference in Washington DC in September 2004, where he presented a paper on the role of financial sector instruments and their development from the point of view of pension funds. He is also a World Bank GDF external peer reviewer. He is a Mentor for MEFMI fellow candidates.

The African Development Bank invited Mr. Odundo to be speaker at their 40th AGM held in May, 2005 in Abuja, Nigeria where he presented a paper on Challenges, Opportunities and Preconditions of a Funded Pensions System. He has also presented papers and attended international conferences and seminars in Paris at the OECD head quarters, Malaysia, Brazil, South Africa, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Hong Kong, London, Amsterdam, Canada , New York, Seychelles, Belize, Guyana, Egypt, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Malawi, Turkey, China ,Senegal, Botswana, South Africa, Denmark, East Africa, Hungary and Switzerland (Basel/Geneva), Australia, Burundi, Jordan, Mauritius and Mexico.

He is a well-accomplished Accountant who holds a BSc. Degree in Finance and Accounting and an MBA degree in Strategic Management and Marketing. Mr. Odundo is a Finalist PhD degree student in Strategic Management at the University of Nairobi and an alumni of Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government. He also holds membership of several professional bodies including; Fellow of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FCPAK), fellow of the Institute of Certified Public Secretaries (ICPSK), Fellow of the Kenya Institute of Management (FKIM), former Deputy Chairman of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK), former Board Member of the Registration of Accountants of Kenya (RAB).