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Austin Okere is the Founder of CWG Plc, a foremost ICT Conglomerate operating out of 4 African countries and in existence for 25years. An Entrepreneur in Residence at Columbia Business School, New York and an active member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Innovation and Intrapreneurship.

He currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Global Business School Network based in Washington DC. He is a Fellow of the Nigerian Computer Society, serves on the Governing Council of the Institute of Directors of Nigeria (IOD) and on the Advisory Council of the Association of Telecommunication Companies of Nigeria (ATCON).

Austin who has a flair for teaching and impacting knowledge, has been a notable speaker at many Global fora and has received numerous recognition for his entrepreneurial mentorship roles, including a Lifetime Entrepreneurship Achievement Award by the American University of Nigeria (AUN). Austin was named "ICT Personality of the year" in 2014 and received the "Special Presidential Award" in 2016, both by Nigerian Computer Society. He is listed on the United Kingdom Chub Magazine's "100 Most Influential Creatives" in 2016. His passion points are vast, but most notable of late has been his drive to improve the standards of living for the IDPs in camps across North-East Nigeria, employing all to strive to look after one another.

Mr. Okere's most recent project is the launching of The Ausso Leadership Academy (ALA), which aims to structure and standardize entrepreneurial methodology in our local context and therefore democratize Entrepreneurship such that differentiation is mainly driven by intuition, acumen, and luck. Outstanding Champions of Entrepreneurship will come and share their stories and the unique inflexion points in their journeys. This will provide immense learnings and the opportunity to be inspired and improve what worked and also avoid pitfalls.