

# Ugo SOKARI-GEORGE



Public Affairs Officer of the Delegation to Nigeria. I have been in the service of the European Union for over 25 years. During this period, I have also worked as Project Accountant. For over 16 years, I represented staff at the local level and have been an elected member of the Outside the EU Section staff committee before the creation of EEAS, a member of the first EEAS Staff Committee and currently also an Executive Member of the USHU Bureau.

The many years spent within the European Union and as staff representative locally, at the Outside the EU Section level and within the USHU bureau have afforded me a wealth of experience. This has placed me in a strong position to support other Delegations, especially in Africa in a range of issues, including salary adjustments, payment of taxes, implementation of article 18.6 and generally in negotiations for the benefit of all staff.

Having been part of the first ever EEAS Staff Committee since 2011, I have brought to bear on that assignment the experience I have acquired in labour issues. However, there are still many mind boggling issues that face EEAS staff:

- Unequal treatment of different staff categories which cuts across pension scheme, leave entitlements, retirement age, retirement medical coverage, etc
- Even some staff of same category enjoy different entitlements depending of year of recruitment, the list goes on

Recognising that EEAS Staff Committee will continue to need experienced and committed people on board in order to be able to tackle these issues effectively, on behalf of all staff categories, I have decided to seek another term on the Staff Committee.

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