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Adedoyin Adeleke is a sustainable energy researcher and currently pursues a doctoral degree under the UNESCO Chair in Energy for Sustainable Development at the Department of Energy, Politecnico di Milano, Milan, Italy with a scholarship from the Italian Government. Adedoyin holds a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, and a multidisciplinary master's degree in Energy Studies from Nigeria's Premier University, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, both in Nigeria. His interest in using theoretical knowledge to impact social and economic development led him to co-invent a 10-seconds chicken de-feathering machine during his undergraduate studies. As his master's dissertation, he researched on the "Sustainability of Solar Mini-Grids in Nigeria" profiles factors responsible for failure and success of solar mini-grids in Nigeria.

Adedoyin has also received numerous awards for his excellent educational performance including the Federal Scholarship Board Undergraduate Award (2009-2012) which funded his undergraduate studies and the MacArthur Foundation Grant Scholarship (2015 – 2016) at the Centre for Petroleum, Energy Economics and Law, Ibadan, Nigeria for his master's degree programme; Fellowship from the German Government for the 69th UNEP/UNESCO/BMUB International Short Course on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, and Italian Government Scholarship for his Doctoral Study, among others. He has also received a number of travel grants from the Royal Academy of Overseas Science, Belgium, Centre for Petroleum, Energy Economics and Law, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, among others.

Adedoyin is also very much engrossed into volunteering and championing causes for educational development. While on National Youth Service in Kano State, Nigeria, he initiated and organised six different education-based community development programmes which directly benefitted more than 800 high school students and many others were indirect beneficiaries through his weekly radio and television programmes in the state. Funded by a fellowship from the German government, Adedoyin was one of the 21 young sustainable energy professionals that participated at the 69th UNEP/UNESCO/BMUB International Short Course on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in 2016 at the Centre for International Postgraduate Studies of Environmental Management (CIPSEM), Technische Universität Dresden, Dresden, Germany in 2016. He has also participated in many conferences, workshops and summer schools on diverse sustainable energy topics in various countries. He served as a Lead Country Contributor for the Paris-based Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21) in preparing its 2017 Global Status Report on Renewable Energy. He also served as a Contributor to the 2017 1 Gigaton Report which tracked contributions of renewable energy and energy efficiency programmes in developing countries to reducing global greenhouse gas emissions, among other contributions to causes for sustainable energy development globally.

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