



GENERAL INFORMATION

Oyo Town, Oyo State, Nigeria is the 452nd International City of Peace, in the association of International Cities of Peace registered on the 17th of July 2025. The Board Chair and Lead Facilitator of the International Cities of Peace is J. Fred Arment.

The City of Peace, Oyo Town, Oyo State, Nigeria comprises of distinguished sons and daughters of Oyo Town designated as Peace Ambassadors (PA). These are elites of repute both old and young whose aspirations are primarily to promote justice, peace, value-reorientation and city modernization for the advancement of people, environment and economy of Oyo Town and beyond. Admission of personalities is open and on-going based on VIP nominations.

The companion institution is presently the Institute of Corporate Industrial Management Entrepreneurs, ICIME establishing Industrial Campuses and designated colleges of entrepreneurship for entrepreneurs in the various spheres of the society. This has been under the leadership of Dr Fatai Oyewole Salahudeen. The onerous strategy is to further associate and network with society leaders, non-governmental organizations and international communities for people and city development initiatives.

The primary need to establish this community of Designated Peace Ambassadors as Oyo Town as an International City of Peace is first, to register in the global space, the historical legacy of seamless peace that abounds in Oyo Town for decades even as an overall identity bearer to Oyo State of Nigeria. Secondly to this is to focus on the existing gaps of value-reorientation and city modernization, which have resulted in the underdevelopment of the people, the environment and entrepreneurial progress over the years due to general poverty and social neglect. There have been obvious poor literacy leading to under-utilization of modern evolutions.

VISION

To empowered with a mission for peace that enhances literacy, productivity and economic evolution by people and the immediate Oyo Town's environment.

MISSION

To collaborate globally with distinguished leaders and organizations with similar great vision for peace and value re-orientation that would enhance the quality of life of the people and environment.

GOALS

1. To promote Justice and Peace to advancing of empowerment in Oyo Town and beyond.
2. To promote modernization with entrepreneurship drives for Oyo Town as a contemporary Metropolitan City made of a peaceful environment and people.
3. To promote value re-orientation for the old and young for an improved quality of life of the people and the environment of Oyo Town, Oyo State.

OYO TOWN IS CITY OF PEACE

Oyo is a peaceful metropolitan city in Oyo State, Nigeria that has evolved as Provincial Headquarters in the South-Western Nigeria. This status had existed during and throughout the formation and the various constitutional development of Nigeria from 1914 to the independent Nigeria in 1960. The Paramount Ruler of Oyo Town was among the 6 Nigerians who were signatories that join 22 other British Colonial Officers to form the present Nigeria with the 1914 amalgamation of the Northern and Southern Protectorates of Nigeria under the leadership of Lord Lugard – the Governor-General of the then British Colonies in the West African subregion southern Sahara.

The present city was founded as the metropolitan capital of the historic Oyo empire about 1837. It is now known as 'New Oyo or Oyo Alaafin (Ọyọ Àtìbà) to distinguish it from the former capital (Ọyọ-Ilé), which had existed from about 1300AD. The native inhabitants of Oyo town till date are the great Yoruba people of Nigeria with their wider spread and migrations to a greater part of West Africa. The present Paramount Ruler of Oyo in entirety is His Imperial Majesty, The Alaafin, Oba Akeem Abimbola Owoade I. Oyo Town has several reputable socio-economic driving forces such as Oyo Metropolitan Development Association, Oyo Global Forum etc, complemented by several trade and commerce associations. The cardinal religions of the inhabitants are traditional religion, Islam and Christianity that have peacefully co-existed for over 2 centuries.

EDUCATION

Oyo is home to more than five higher institutions: these are the Federal College of Education (Special), Ajayi Crowther University, Emmanuel Alayande University of Education (Erelu Campus and Isokun Campus), Federal School of Surveying (The only school of surveying in Sub-sahara Africa), and Atiba University. We also have the newly established Master College of Entrepreneurship. Oyo Town as well serves as a host community for numerous public and private secondary schools.

COMMERCE

There are major ancient markets in the Oyo metropolitan city, which include the Akesan market, the Ajegunle market, the Owode market, the Saabo market, Oparinde (Oja-Oke) market and the Irepo market.

The leading promoter of Oyo Town as an International City of Peace is Dr Fatai Oyewole Salahudeen, who is also the President of Institute of Corporate Industrial Management Entrepreneurs ICIME and Master College of Entrepreneurship, Oyo among others. He holds PhD in Entrepreneurship and is a cross border international achiever of excellence, which including the MIT-USA Chief Data Officer Ambassador CDOA in Nigeria and the United Nations Distinguished leadership award in Entrepreneurship and development for youths.

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Founder/Initiator,
Oyo Town International City of Peace
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