

Chinwe P. Okelu: Resume

Chinwe Okelu was an employee of the Alberta government for close to 35 years and served in a number of Ministries. He became involved with the Mediation Community in Alberta since the 1990s, when he made a return to Ministry of Alberta Municipal Affairs, where he had worked for a number of years before.

He joined the ministry's Municipal Dispute Resolution Initiative. He received his mediation training from the Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society of which he became a member.

Chinwe's work in mediation included assisting in several aspects of mediation including facilitation training for municipal elected and municipal administrators; mediation training coach; convening pre-mediation consultation with municipal parties in dispute; development of co-operative governance models for municipalities.

During his tenure with the Municipal Dispute Resolution Initiative, the team was recognized with three Premier's Awards of Excellence and a Canada Award for Excellence. He is a keen student of mediation and has maintained ongoing education relationship with experts in the field as well as international institutions and organizations.

In addition to his government service, Chinwe has maintained an active private mediation practice with emphasis on multiparty recreation facility joint use management; road use; energy, gravel and forestry sector operators/operations and public land use. Clients have included non-profit groups, oil and gas companies, forestry companies, gravel-haulers, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resources, municipal administrators, elected officials.

Chinwe holds a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Master of Business Administration.