



HE Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo
Secretary General of OPEC

First name: Mohammad Sanusi

Family name: Barkindo

Date of birth: 20 April 1959

Place of birth: Yola, Adamawa State, Nigeria

Marital status: Married, with children

Education: BSc (Hons) in Political Science, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna State, Nigeria (1981)

Post Graduate Diploma in Petroleum Economics, Oxford, United Kingdom (1988)

MBA in Finance and Banking, Washington University, United States (1991)

Fellow, George Mason University, Fairfax VA, US (2013–16)

Hon Doctorate Degree in Science (Honoris Causa), Modibbo Adama, Federal University of Technology, Yola

Posts held:

1982–85 Worked with Nigerian Mining Corporation, Jos, up to the Level of Principal Administrative Officer, Liaison Office, Lagos

1984–86 Special Assistant to the Minister of Mines, Power and Steel, Lagos

- 1986–89** Special Assistant to the Minister of Petroleum Resources and Head, Office of the Chairman of the NNPC Board, Lagos
- 1990** Served (on secondment) as Special Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lagos
- (From 1992 ...)** Served in various capacities in the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Group spanning some 24 years, namely:
- Head, International Investments, Investment Division, NNPC Headquarters (1992)
 - Head, International Trade, NNPC London
 - President Duke Oil Inc.
 - Chairman NAPOIL (1993–94)
 - General Manager, NNPC London Office (1993–97)
 - Managing Director/Chief Executive, HYSON/CALSON — *an international trading arm of the NNPC* (1998–2003)
 - Group General Manager Investments, NNPC Headquarters (2003–04)
 - Deputy Managing Director/Chief Executive, NLNG (2005)
 - In 2007, elevated to the office of Coordinator Special Projects, NNPC
 - Between 2007 and 2009, oversaw all Federal Government projects vested in the NNPC as Coordinator
 - Participated as a member of the Oil and Gas Industry Reform Implementation Committee (OGIC) that produced the original draft Petroleum Industrial Bill (2008)
 - Led the Transformation Programme of the NNPC as enshrined in the Oil and Gas Industry Reform Implementation Committee Report (2008)
 - Between January 2009 and April 2010, served as Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the NNPC
 - Special Assistant to the Minister of Petroleum and Energy (at various times)
 - Served on several Boards of NNPC investee companies, such as banks, oil service companies, international trading companies etc.
- 2014–16** Fellowship Programme at George Mason University, Fairfax VA, USA, undertaking research in the field of Energy, Climate Change and Sustainable Development

OPEC positions held:

- 1986–2010** Nigerian Delegate to OPEC Ministerial Conferences
- 1993–2008** Served as Nigeria’s National Representative on OPEC’s Economic Commission Board (ECB)
- Jan–Dec 2006** Served as Acting for the OPEC Secretary General, Chaired ECB
- 2009–10** Nigeria’s Governor for OPEC
- Served as Adhoc OPEC Governor at various times

Other activities:

Served as Chairman of the OPEC Task Force of the 15th Session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD)

Spearheaded OPEC/European Union dialogue on Energy Markets, Taxation and Environment

An architect of the first Long Term Strategy (LTS) at OPEC

Founder delegate to the formation of the African Petroleum Producers Association (APPA) in Algiers, Algeria, in 1986. Delegate to APPA Ministerial Conferences from 1987 to 2010

Pioneer member of the International Energy Forum (IEF), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Has helped strengthen and consolidate OPEC/non-OPEC cooperation and dialogue

Climate change:

Led Nigeria's technical delegations to the climate change negotiations since their inception in 1991 that produced the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Kyoto Protocol to the UNFCCC

Only Nigerian delegate to attend all 15 Conferences of the Parties to the UNFCCC from COP1 in Berlin 1995 to COP15 in Copenhagen 2010

In 2002, served as Coordinator, Group of 77 and China at UNFCCC

Elected Vice-President of the Conference of the Parties at COP13 of the UNFCCC in Bali, Indonesia, in December 2007

Re-elected Vice-President at COP14 in Poznan, Poland, in December 2008

Re-elected Vice-President at COP15 in Copenhagen, Denmark, in December 2009

Hobbies:

Reading, charity work, the environment, soccer