

## **Biography**

**Mrs Adebanke Akinrimisi - LL.B.(ABU); LL.M (Lagos), MA (Sussex).**

Adebanke Akinrimisi is the founder and CEO of the Centre for Women's Health and Information (CEWHIN) based in Lagos, Nigeria. CEWHIN is a leading, not-for-profit organisation that is at the forefront of promoting respect, dignity and human rights for women and young girls including their reproductive and sexual and health rights. CEWHIN has been operating since 2002 and is fully registered as a company limited by guarantee under the Nigerian Companies and Allied Matters Act of 1990.

Adebanke is a trained Barrister/Lawyer. She also has two Masters Degrees in Law and Gender and Development from the University of Lagos, Nigeria and University of Sussex, UK respectively. For over two decades, she has worked exclusively in the development field and has overseen several national and international projects. Mrs Akinrimisi has been is passionate and very active in the women's rights movement in Nigeria having over been engaged for several years in different advocacy efforts towards promoting women's empowerment and supporting processes aimed at creating the enabling environment for the actualisation of the rights of women and girls.

Banke is a recipient of the MacArthur Foundation Fund for Leadership Development through which she executed a research project on the socio-cultural, economic and legal dimensions to the sexual and reproductive health and rights of female adolescent domestic workers in municipal Lagos. Her research investigated best practices to reach young adolescents with reproductive health information. The outcome of the research was the basis for the establishment of the Centre for Women's Health and Information (CEWHIN), a not-for-profit organisation that she co-founded in 2003. Banke is also one of the authors of one of the major influential research project on social protection in Nigeria undertaken by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) and DFID in 2012. Banke has a wide range of experience in research, policy review, policy development and analysis, social project development and implementation, monitoring and evaluation etc. She has offered consultancy services to different organisations (including government agencies, local and international development organisation) in the areas of training, research, resource development with special focus on human rights, women's health and gender equality.