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Dr. Abiodun graduated from Nigerian College of Arts, Science and Technology, (Land Surveying) Enugu, NIGERIA (1960-62) ; University of Washington, Seattle, State of Washington, USA (1962-66 & 1969-71), B.S.C.E. (1965); M.S.C.E. (1966), Ph.D. (Civil & Hydraulics Engineering), 1971; and worked as a Post-doctoral Research Fellow of the National Research Council of Canada at CCRS from December 1974 - February 1976.

Dr. Abiodun's professional experience includes 1) United States Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle, Civil & Hydraulic Engr. (1966-68) ; Boeing Company, Seattle, Hydraulic System Engr. (Summer of 1965 and 1968-71); University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University, NIGERIA), Nov. 1971 - July 1977; (Lecturer II at the bar: 1971-73; Senior Lecturer: 1973-77); United Nations, Outer Space Affairs Division (OSAD), New York (now Office for Outer Space Affairs (OOSA), Vienna, Austria. Joined as Remote Sensing Specialist in 1977. Appointed Officer-in-Charge of the United Nations Space Applications Programme in June 1981. Appointed United Nations Expert on Space Applications and Chief of the Space Applications Section of OSAD in November 1981. He served in this position until September 30, 1999 when he retired from the service of the United Nations. In this capacity, he initiated, designed, implemented and supervised, globally, the United Nations Space Applications Programme.

Ade ABIODUN was the co-ordinator of the participation of the United Nations in the International Space Year (1992). He spearheaded the United Nations initiative in establishing regional Centres for Space Science and Technology Education around the world.

Ade ABIODUN is a contributor to five books and the author of over 60 scientific and technical journals and publications in the fields of fluid mechanics, hydraulic systems, water resources engineering, engineering education, technology development, and different aspects of space science and technology.

In addition to his on-going participation in a number of professional conferences, he has held/is holding the following positions: Senior Special Assistant to the President (of Nigeria) on Space Science and Technology February 2000 – May 2003; Member of the College of Commissioner for the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) (2000-Present) ; Chairman of the Board of Directors of Spaceweek International Association, October, 2001 through October 2004; Serving Member, ISPRS International Policy Advisory Committee; Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) by the Committee., June 2004 – June 2006; Serving Member, ISPRS Foundation Board of Trustees; Founder, African Space Foundation, to be formally launched in December 2006