



Chibunna Ogbonna, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer - Kiru Energy Limited.



Chibunna Ogbonna is a visionary leader and entrepreneur with a strong desire to make a significant contribution to the world. He Co-founded Kiru Energy Limited, a clean-tech company on a mission to power a prosperous and self-sustaining Africa by making clean energy accessible, affordable and functional for households and businesses. In 2020, He represented Nigeria at the International Renewable Energy Agency's Youth Forum in Abu Dhabi, UAE and worked with Student

Energy as the Regional Coordinator for Sub Saharan Africa on the Global Youth Energy Outlook – the first report of its kind curating 40,000+ global youth perspectives on energy and related topics for a just and equitable energy transition. In 2021, Chibunna was selected by the European Commission as a Young Leader for Sustainable Energy and represented youth voices on a panel hosted by the World Health Organization at the European Development Days 2021. Later that year, He joined the International Sustainability Academy, Hamburg-Germany as a Research Fellow where He developed the Lighting Up Nigeria Initiative (LUNI) – a project aiming to democratize access to reliable, clean and affordable electricity in Nigeria leveraging digital technologies. In 2022, Chibunna was appointed by the Shared Value Africa Initiative to serve as a Member of the Africa Council of 8. Chibunna currently pioneers Sustainable Energy Days (SED), an annual event for the adoption of sustainable energy technologies in Africa. He aspires to become a smart city infrastructure development expert to help build sustainable cities and communities across Africa. He is multi-skilled in public speaking, leadership, entrepreneurship, project development and event management. Chibunna Ogbonna holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Chemical Engineering from the Federal University of Technology Owerri (FUTO) and is a certified Energy Transformation Expert by the Renewables Academy, Berlin. For the Mini-Grid in the City™ project, Chibunna will ensure execution of set targets within project timeline, monitor allocation of financial resources, communicate with all stakeholders and project team, broker fair deals with local licensed equipment dealers and keep the entire project team inspired, accountable and in harmony.



Benedict Okpala, Co-founder & Chief Innovation Officer - Kiru Energy Limited.

Meet Benedict Okpala - a young visionary from Nigeria with a passion for building a sustainable future for his country and Africa. Growing up in Nigeria, Benedict experienced the devastating effects of almost zero access to reliable electricity. Later on, while living in fast-growing cities in Southern Nigeria, he witnessed the high carbon emissions from the use of fuel generators, further fueling his desire to take action.

Obsessed with smart technology and driven by his personal experiences and the urgent need to tackle the energy crises and decarbonize the energy sector in Nigeria, Benedict co-founded Kiru Energy - a renewable energy company focused on democratizing reliable electricity access in rural and urban areas in Nigeria while leveraging smart technologies to enhance energy efficiency and productive use.

Benedict is a certified Energy transformation expert from the Renewable Energy Academy in Berlin, Germany, and an active member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), where he has a track record of developing clean and smart tech projects.



As a strong advocate of SDGs 7 and 13, Benedict firmly believes in the environmental and social impact we can drive in Africa by adopting renewables. He has also developed social impact projects, including the Lighting Up Nigeria Initiative (LUNI), a non-profit sustainability project that aims to develop a sustainable template to power rural health centers in Sub-Saharan Africa, using solar energy.

In 2021, he was selected by the Shared Value Initiative to represent the voices of Nigerian youth at the Africa Shared Value Leadership Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa. Also, he has been selected to represent and speak about clean energy in many local and international forums and conferences including the European Union-Africa Business Forum 2022.

Benedict will ensure that all technical aspects of the project are well developed and deployed in accordance with industrial best practices and Kiru standard.