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Obiageli “Oby” Katryn Ezekwesili is an economic policy expert. She is a Nobel Peace Prize nominee and was a candidate for office of the President of Nigeria in the 2019 election. A former Minister of Minerals and later of Education for Nigeria. Dr. Ezekwesili served as the Vice-President for the Washington-DC based World Bank. She was responsible for the Africa Region program with a lending portfolio of over \$40 Billion. She led the largest team within the Bank delivering projects, programs and extensive economic and sectoral research and studies in 48 Sub-Saharan countries. She is also a co-founder of Transparency International and was one of the pioneer directors of its global board based in Berlin from 1994-1999.

In 2012, Dr. Ezekwesili became the Senior Economic Advisor at the Open Society Foundation in New York, aimed at building vibrant and tolerant societies with democratically accountable governments. In that position and operating from Abuja-Nigeria, she travelled extensively across Africa, advising a number of Presidents and their cabinets on sound economic policies to achieve inclusive growth. Since 2015 and to date, she serves as the Senior Economic Advisor of the Africa Economic Development Policy Initiative (AEDPI) in Abuja and provides policy expertise and advisory support to a number of country Presidents and their cabinets.