

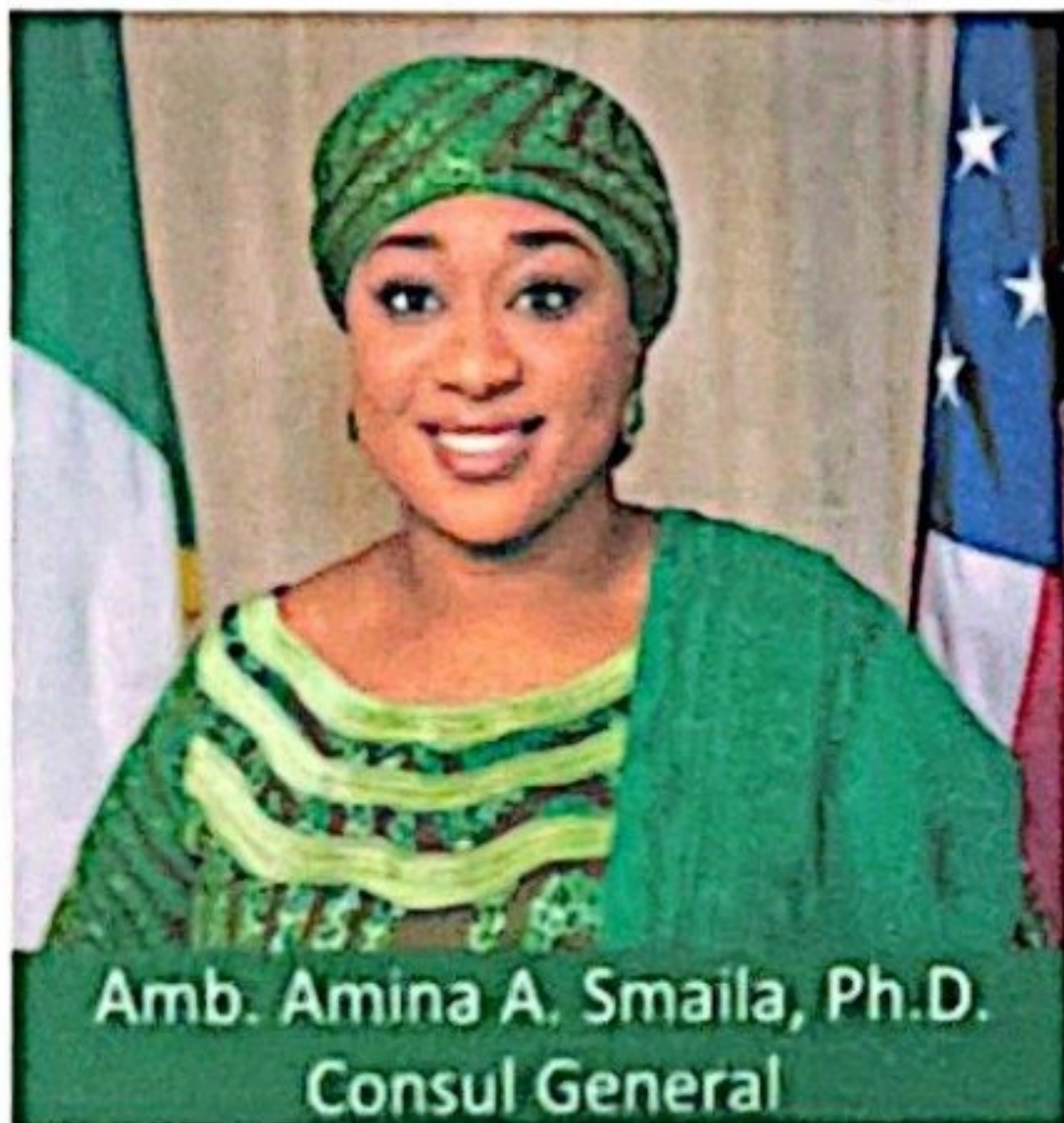


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Nigerian community Celebrates Nigeria's Independence Day in Atlanta



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For immediate release: Nigeria received its proclamation of independence from British rule in 1960, and since that time October 1st has been Independence Day, a day of celebration.

In Atlanta, on the weekend of October 1st and 2nd, a grand celebration will take place through the coordination of the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Ambassador Amina Smaila.

The two-day celebration will feature three separate events.

Saturday, October 1st 8:30 A.M., Celebration Walk

Beginning at Atlanta's City Hall and concluding on the plaza of Grady Memorial Hospital dignitaries from Nigeria, local members of the Nigerian community, representatives from the 17 states under the jurisdiction of the Consulate General, and local dignitaries will gather for remarks on the steps of City Hall north. Led by a traditional Nigerian dance troop and drums, this walk will represent not only a celebration for Nigeria's Independence Day but an opportunity to show appreciation for the frontline workers in healthcare and safety that have brought us through the most traumatic days of the pandemic.

A special tribute will be given to recipients at the entrance of Grady in recognition of their service to the community.

Invited representatives participating in this celebration and appreciation walk will be local Nigerian associations and Ministers arriving from Nigeria to participate in the two-day celebration. Local elected officials and representatives from the 17 states under the Consulate General's jurisdiction are invited.

Saturday, October 1st 6:00 P.M. Grand Hyatt Hotel, Independence Gala

The evening gala will host invited guests to recognize outstanding Nigerians, who in the course of the last few years have inspired their communities and industries and identified for their outstanding contributions. The Inspiration Awards will be given to deserving individuals to be announced. The evening will also feature remarks, Nigerian talent and culture.



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Sunday, October 2nd 12 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Millennium Gate in Atlantic Station, Art and Cultural Festival

An outdoor Nigerian art and culture festival, will feature approximately 25 vendors with goods, such as traditional clothing, art, crafts, jewelry, and food. These vendors will be in the courtyard area of the Millennium Gate in Atlantic Station. In the center of the courtyard music, dancing, and entertainment will be provided. On the balcony looking over the plaza area, there will be remarks featuring local government leaders and special guests from Nigeria. The festival will be free and open to the public and will run throughout the afternoon.



This two-day event will be a major outreach for Ambassador Amina Smaila of the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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