



INTERNAL MEMO

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To: Nigeria Governors' Forum  
From: Director General  
Date: February 26, 2020  
Subject: **Request for Financial Assistance for SAMSON SIASIA**

YE is no doubt aware that Samson Siasia, former Nigerian Coach was in August 2019 placed on life ban and awarded a fine of 50, 000 CHS by FIFA on charges of receiving a bribe to influence a match.

Siasia has maintained his innocence on several avenues and has challenged the unfair verdict before the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS), a process that is expected to cost between **300, 000** and **400, 000 Euros**.

Siasia is in dire straits and as one who has on several occasions been a source of pride to the nation is appealing to the Forum to come to his rescue by supporting him financially in this bid to save his name from a deliberate attempt to sully his reputation and that of the country's.

Find attached documents for more information.

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Dear Hon D-G,

CAS 2019/A/6493

**SAMSON SIASIA [APPELLANT] V FIFA/ ETHICS COMMITTEE [DEFENDANT]**  
**REQUEST FOR URGENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

I write, with the support of one of my great mentors and sporting heroes, Hon. Mathematical 'Segun Odegbami MON, to first thank the distinguished and honourable members of the Nigeria Governors' Forum who have in one way or the other supported my career over time and for which I remain eternally grateful.

You are well aware that I have a matter of Appeal against FIFA's life ban and penalty decision against me, before the Court of Arbitration for Sports [CAS]. It is an extremely expensive process and I am seeking to raise funds for my Appeal to clear my name and lift the FIFA ban and penalty permanently. As one who has served our great Country in sports and as a sporting Ambassador, I am thus formally writing to seek your urgent financial assistance towards the prosecution of my Appeal against FIFA's Decision to ban me for life from football and to fine me 50,000.00 CHS.

I only became aware of this case on 16 August 2019, the day FIFA officially made their decision, through social and international media, which has caused me great shock, pain and confusion. I was completely unaware that FIFA was investigating me and for such a serious matter! My lawyers have notified me that I have got good grounds of appeal and that it is important that we strongly and immediately appeal. The Appeal is now coming up for full hearing on 3 March 2020 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The facts of the case in summary is that FIFA relied on emails exchanges dated between 29 March and 12 April 2010 between a person I do not know personally but who had apparently met me in the past. I had been unemployed for about six months





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at the time. FIFA did not question me but made assumptions that I actively pursued this person which is a lie when in actual fact he was headhunting me for a coaching job in Australia. FIFA claims that I knew him very well which is also absolute falsehood!

My legal representatives, Messrs Esquires' Legal have already appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sports [CAS]. The matter is on-going but CAS have notified us that costs of the Arbitration itself is **at least €150,000.00**. I also need to raise further, **at least €200,000.00** towards my personal and other costs not to talk of travel, accommodation and legal costs, in fighting my appeal. **In total I need to raise at least €300,000.00 - €400,000.00**. We also need your political support and prayers. Winning my Appeal is for all of us first even before the rest of Nigeria.

This is a matter, dear Chairman that will not just cause severe and irreparable damage to me personally but will also have a very negative impact on our dear State and Country as I have been a sporting ambassador for you and Nigeria in whatever capacity or role I have been privileged to have been given to serve.

I am saying to all our Distinguished Governors before God and with all sense of responsibility and duty that I **DID NOT** commit the offence FIFA charged me with and I have not been given any reasonable opportunity to be heard until now. I count on your full and unfettered support dear Chairman and on the Nigeria Governors Forum.

It is my prayer that my appeal meets with your favour and in this regard kindly permit me to include my bank account details as follows:

Bank: Polaris Bank  
Account Name: Samson Siasia  
Current Account Number: 1060017778

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and once again, thank you for your anticipated assistance and care for my wellbeing.

Yours faithfully,

**SAMSON SIASIA, COACH**

**OLUSEGUN ODEGBAMI, MON**

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