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**BRIEF BIOGRAPHY:**

Franca ObiageliOkechukwu was born at Agulu in Ana-ocha LGA of Anambra State, Nigeria on 4th April, 1968. She began her academic pursuit in 1974 at Ezeanyanwu Primary school Agulu in Anambra state, Nigeria. In the year 1981she started her secondary education at Queen of the Rosary secondary school, Nsukka in Enugu state, Nigeria. Franca started her University education in the year 1988 at University of Nigeria, Nsukka Nigeria where she also obtained her second and third degreein the year 2014in the field of Home Economics. Franca ObiageliOkechukwu is a Senior lecturer of Child Development and Family Studies and currently the coordinator Child Development Laboratory of the Department Home Science and Management. She has served in different capacities as an academia and administration including: Coordination of Child Development laboratory and related courses, Development of Home Science post graduate curriculum, serving in different faculty and Departmental committees. She teaches and supervises undergraduate as well as postgraduate students. She is a member of the monitoring team for National Examinations Council (NECO) in Nigeria from 2008 to date. She is also a facilitator in the National Open University of Nigeria from 2017.

**AREA OF SPECIALIZATION: HOME ECONOMICS EDUCATION (CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND CHILD STUDIES)**

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Lecturing Child Development and Family Related courses,
2. Postgraduate research project supervision,

(ii) Undergraduate research project supervision,

(iii) Coordination of Child Development laboratory,

(iv) Development Home Science post graduate curriculum

(v) Monitoring team for National Examinations Council (NECO) in Nigeria

(vi) Facilitator in the National Open University of Nigeria.

(v) Pastor with Divine Grace Libration Assembly Nsukka Enugu State, Nigeria

**MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES:**

1. Home Economics Research Association of Nigeria(HERAN)
2. Science Teachers Association of nigeria (STAN)
3. National Association of Teachers
4. National Association of Early Childhood Educators
5. Home Economic Council of Nigeria (HECON)
6. International Federation of Home Economics (IFHE) African Region

**PUBLICATIONS:**

1. Okechukwu, F.O. and Anyakoha, E.U. (2016) Common Causes of Accidents and Required Safety Practices in Pre-primary school Classrooms in Enugu State, Nigeria. *Journal of Home Economics Association of Nigeria (HERAN) 23 (2) 183- 194.*

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2. Ibeanu, V.N., Okechukwu, F.O. and Eme-Okeafor, E.P.(2017). Nutritional Adequacy of Home-packed school lunch in Nsukka, South East Nigeria. *Pakistan journal of Nutrition. ,CC.CC-CC* [Scimago Impact Factor 0.29]
3. Chikwendu, J.N.,Okechukwu, F.O., Ugwu, B.U and Nwamarah, J.U (2016)

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1. Okechukwu, F. O. (2014) Nursing mothers and their infant feeding practices in Udenu local Government area of Enugu State. *Journal of Home Economics Association of Nigeria (HERAN) (20):179-189.*
2. Okechukwu, F. O. (2013) Special Needs Children and Acquisition of Knowledge *Ikenga International journal of Institute of African Studies UNN15 (1&2) 217 -229.*
3. Okechukwu, F.O. (2013) Sources and Routes of Drug Abuse among Secondary School Students and inmates of Dawanu Rehabilitation Center Kano State. Nigerian *Journal of Education Health, Environment and Technology Research (NJEHTR) (.4):127-132*
4. Okechukwu F. O. (2013) Drug Abuse Practices, Effects and Possible Ways of Eradication Among Secondary school Students in Kano State, Nigeria. *Journal Global Research Analysis*. 2(9) 67-69 [ Impact Factor 0.2714]
5. Madukwu, E. U, Ezeonu. C, Ayogu. R. N. and Okechukwu. F. O. (2013) Some Selected Phytochemicals in Extracts of Three Popular Vegetables in South Eastern Nigeria. *Journal of Global Research Analysis.2(7) 72-73[* Impact Factor0.27]
6. Madukwu, E. U, Okoye. V, Ayogu. R. N. and Okechukwu. F. O. (2013) chemical and organoleptic evaluation of fermented maize (zea mays) gruel supplemented with fermented cowpea (vignaunguiculated) flour and roasted melon seed Citrullus vulgaris) paste. *African journal of Biotechnology. 12(36) 5549-5553* [Thompson Reuters Impact Facto 0.57]

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1. Okechukwu, F. O. (2012) Coping Strategies Adopted by Dual Career Women in Childcare

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1. Agbugba, I. K., Okechukwu, F.O. and Solomon, R.J. (2011) Challenges and Strategies for improving the Marketing of Indigenous Leaf Vegetables in Nigeria Journal *of Home Economics Association of Nigeria (HERAN) 15:11-20*
2. Okechukwu, F. O. (2005) Challenges of pre-primary Education in Nigeria in tne 21st Century. *Journal of the Nigerian Academic Forum. (NAA) 8 (1) 70-75.*
3. Okechukwu, F. O. (2005) Pattern Adaptation: An Essential Component in Clothing Construction. *The Nigerian Journals of Research and production.(NIJOREP) 6 (2) 106-110.*
4. Okechukwu, F. O. (2003) Food Security and Self-reliance in Nigeria. *Knowledge book Review.7. (1) 147-152*
5. Okechukwu, F. O. (2000) An Overview of the Vocational /Technical Teacher Training Programmes. *Journal of Vocational Education.(JOVED) 2. (10).159 164*
6. Okechukwu, F. O. (1999) Economic Development versus Environmental Protection. *Journal of Arts and Social Science Forum .2.(2).30-34.*

**BOOK CHAPTER**

Okechukwu, F. O. (2005) *Challenges of Vocational and Technical Education in the*

*Sustenance of Democracy in Nigeria.* Ibadan: jilat publishing company.

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**CONFERENCE PROCEEDING**

Okechukwu, F. O. (2004) Resourcesfor Home Economics Education Research.Asaba: *Science Teachers Association of Nigeria 45th annual conference proceedings. (Ed) by Mathias, A.*

**CONFERENCES ATTENDED:**

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| **S/N** | **Title** | **Date** | **Place** | **Paper Read** |
| **1** | The 7th HECON/8th IFHE Africa Regional International Conference**Theme:**DEVELOPING SKILLS FOR IMPROVED SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC  CONDITIONS OF FAMILIES AND GLOBAL COMMUNITIES: HOME  ECONOMICS FUTURE DIRECTION” | 24th– 28th October, 2017at | University of Uyo, Nigeria. | Evaluation of Childcare Programmes in Childcare Centers in Nsukka Urban, Enugu State: Tool for Optimal Development of Children. |
| **2** | HERAN International Conference Them: Family Survival in Recessed Economy: Viable options and Researched perspectives | 28th to 30th September,  2017 | Princess Alexandra Auditorium UNN | Deviant Behavior among Adolescents in Government owned Senior Secondary Schools.  And  Teachers’ Knowledge and use of play-way approach in teaching Preschool children in Nsukka Urban, Enugu State. |
| 3 | HERAN International Conference Theme: Sustainable Development Goals and the Promotion of Family Well-being: Challenging the Challenges. | 21st to 24th September, 2016 | UBA Hall, UNN | Childcare Challenges and Adopted Coping Strategies of young Employed Mothers with Children (Birth to Five Years) in Nsukka Urban. |
| 4 | APREHET International Conference. Towards Promoting Entrepreneurship Education for Self-Reliance: Perspectives for Home Economics. | 6th to 9th July, 2016 | University of Benin | Evaluation of Child Care Programmes in Childcare Centers/Crèches in Nsukka Urban, Enugu State. |
| 5 | HERAN International Conference. Theme: Promoting Responsible Living among Individuals and Families: Challenges and Research Imperatives. | 23rd to 26th September, 2015 | PPA, UNN | Deviant Behaviors Among Senior Secondary Students, Causes and Strategies for Curbing them in Nsukka urban. |
| 6 | APREHET International Conference. Theme: Education, Science and Technology for a Healthy, Safe and Friendly Environment. | 22nd to 26th June, 2015 | VTE, University of Benin | Child Care Practices of Mothers in the Banking Sector in Nsukka L.G.A. Enugu State, Nigeria. |
| 8 | HERAN International Conference Theme: Emerging Direction and Challenges for Home Economics in Nigeria: Research Perspective. | 24th to 27th September, 2014 | UBA Hall, UNN | Safety practices in pre-primary school classrooms in Enugu State |
| 9 | APREHET International Conference. Theme: Further Research Imperative and Challenges for Home Economics in 21stCenturyth . | 5th to 8th July, 2014 | Faculty of Education Building, University of Benin | Effects of street Hawking on the academic performance of primary school children in Nsukka urban |
| 10 | APREHET International Conference. Theme: Reinforcing a Safe, Healthy and Enabling Environment for Effective Learning and Development. | 5th to 8th July, 2013 | Faculty of Education Building, University of Benin | Health and social implication of illegitimate pregnancy among female Adolescents and possible ways out in Warri urban River State |
| 11 | HERAN International Conference. Theme: Creativity and Sustainable Survival Strategies for Families aimed at Emerging National and Global Challenges: Research Options and Imperatives. | 25th to 28th September, 2013 | UBA Hall, UNN | Nursing Mothers and their infant feeding practices in Udaenu LGA of Enugu state |
| 12 | HERAN International Conference. Theme: Stimulating Creating and Sustainable Survival Strategies for Families amid Emerging National & Global Challges: Research Options & Imperatives. | 21st to 24th September, 2012 | UBA Hall, UNN | Some Selected Phytochemicals in Extracts of Three Popular Vegetables in South Eastern Nigeria. |
| 13 | APREHET International Conference. Theme: Globalization and Emerging Technologies: Challenges for Families and Research Perspective for Home Economics. | 8th to 11th July, 2012 | Faculty of Education Hall, University of Benin | Sources and Routes of Drug Abuse among Secondary School Students and Inmates of Dawanu Rehabilitation Center Kano State. |
| 14 | HERAN International Conference. Theme: Stimulating Creative & Sustainable Survival Strategies for Families amid Emerging National & Global Challenges: Research Imperatives and Strategies. | 21st to 24th September, 2011 | UBA Hall, UNN | Coping Strategies Adopted by Dual Career Women in Childcare |
| 15 | HERAN International Conference. Theme: Empowering Families for Sustainable Healthy Lifestyles Amid Global Changes and Challenges: Imperatives and Research Imperatives and Strategies. | 22nd to 25th September, 2010 | PAA, UNN | Challenges and Strategies for Improving the Marketing of Indigenous Leaf Vegetables in Nigeria. |
| 16 | Institute of African Studies International Conference | 2010 | UNN | Special Need Children and Knowledge Acquisitions. |
| 17 | HERAN International Conference. Theme: Promoting Family Survival and Stability Amid Global Changes and Challenges: Evolving Creative and Sustainable Strategies. | 23rd to 26th September, 2009 | New Caroline Hotel, UNN | Family living and Health care: Family care and prevention of HIV/Aids pandemic in Nigeria. |
| 18 | HERAN International Conference. Theme: Sustaining Family Perspectives in Evolving Global Knowledge Economy: Challenges and Survival Strategies. | 24th to 27th September, 2008 | PAA, UNN | The family and household Resource Management. |
| 19 | HERAN International Conference. Theme: Towards Exploring New Perspectives in Education for Creativity, Entrepreneurship and Poverty Reduction. | 26th to 29th September, 2007 | PAA, UNN |  |
| 20 | HERAN International Conference. Theme: Economic Empowerment and Development: Perspectives for the Family and Implications for Home Economics Research and Practices | 20th to 23rd September, 2006 | PAA, UNN |  |
| 21 | School of Vocational Education, Federal College of Education Kano Conference. Theme: | 2005 | Kano State | Home Economics and National Development |
| 22 | School of Arts and Social Science, Federal College of Education Katsina Conference | 2004 | Katsina State | Home Economics and Poverty Reduction as a Challenge to Democracy in Nigeria |
| 23 | Science Teachers Association of Nigeria (STAN) | 2004 | Delta State | Toward Improving the Teaching and Learning of Clothing and Textiles in Schools |