

DR. WALE OKEDIRAN



Institute for
Advanced Studies

SELECTED BOOK

TENANTS OF THE HOUSE, Evans Publishers 2012 (Co Winner of the 2012 Wole Soyinka Prize For African Literature)

HE HAS WORKED ON

- Secretary General of the Pan African Writers Association: Leading the association based in Accra, Ghana, and promoting African literature and cultural exchange across the continent.
- Member of the Nigerian Parliament (2003–2007): Actively contributed to the drafting and passage of critical legislation, including the National Health Bill, while serving on various committees such as Health, Education, and Culture.
- Founder of Ebedi International Writers Residency: Established Nigeria's first writers' residency in 2010, hosting over 350 writers from 12 African countries.
- Consultant for International and Local Development Agencies: Worked with organizations such as UNAIDS, UNICEF, and ActionAid on public health, policy advocacy, and cultural development projects.
- Adjunct Lecturer on Creative Writing: Teaching and mentoring aspiring writers at two Nigerian universities, sharing his expertise in storytelling and narrative craft.

Dr. Okediran is a globally acclaimed literary figure, having published 14 novels, many of which have earned prestigious local and international awards. His renowned works include *Dreams Die at Twilight*, shortlisted for the NLNG Nigerian Literature Prize, and *Tenants of the House*, a fictional account of his time in the Nigerian Parliament, which was co-winner of the Wole Soyinka Prize for African Literature and adapted as a motion picture streamed globally on Netflix.

RESIDENCY PERIOD

From January 2025
to April 2025.

