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Gloria N. Elemo is currently a full professor of biochemistry at the Ajayi Crowther University. She served as the Director General / Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Institute of Industrial Research Oshodi, Lagos, Nigeria from May 2011- May 2019. She studied biochemistry for her first degree and earned a PhD in human nutrition from the University of Ibadan She was a Commonwealth Scholar in Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Reading. Prof. Elemo Lectured at the Lagos State University and rose through the ranks to the position of a Senior Lecturer and then moved on to the Nigerian Raw Materials Research and Development Council as the pioneer head of the R&D, and later to become the Deputy Director R&D. She later moved to the Nigerian Federal Institute of Industrial Research in 2007. In 2011 Prof Elemo was appointed the 7th Director General/CEO of Nigerian Federal Institute of Industrial Research, being the very first female to occupy the office since inception in 1956. Prof Elemo firmly believes in entrepreneurship, commercialization of research results for youth empowerment and job creation. She is widely published in peer-reviewed international journals and other periodicals. She is a member of several professional associations at both national and international levels. Her passion for excellence and scientific knowledge continues to receive recognition locally and internationally.