

### **Paul Botwev Orhii**

Paul Botwev Orhii attended the Stravropol State Medical Institute, Russia graduating with Honors in Medicine in 1989. He proceeded to obtain a Ph.D in Chrono-Neuropsychopharmacology in 1992, then worked as a Lecturer in Pharmacology at the University of Jos, Nigeria from 1992 to 1993.

Thereafter, as a visiting Scientist to the USA, he worked as a Biomedical Scientist and Research Fellow from 1993 to 2003 at the Uni. of Texas Health Science Centre, San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Orhii has authored or co-authored more than twenty peer-reviewed scientific publications.

He studied law from 2003 to 2006 and obtained his Juris Doctor from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University and was called to the Texas Bar in 2007.

He was appointed the Director General of the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) in 2009. Since assuming office, he has strengthened the Agency's regulatory capacity and fostered international cooperation. He has pioneered the use of Cutting Edge Technologies in the fight against counterfeiting of regulated products.

In recognition of his immense contributions to national development, he was awarded the prestigious Nigerian National Honour of the Officer of the Niger (OON).

He is currently the Vice-Chairman of the International Medical Product Anti-Counterfeiting Taskforce (IMPACT).