



Alumnus of Kings College Lagos and Northern Kentucky University USA, **Gihan Mbelu** is a Venture Capitalist, Business Adviser and a business turnaround specialist.

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In an Advisory capacity he has been involved in the startup of an Oil Trading arm (DYKO OIL and Gas a trading arm of A-Z Petroleum), Biometrics Management Company (Biosec Solutions which was part

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In 2012 Gihan was Lead Adviser on the team that built the PPP investment structure for the Abia State Government under the office of the Special Adviser to the Governor on Trade & Investment Dikko Nwachukwu.

Notably, Gihan was Lead Adviser in the integration of the **Worlds largest privately owned security company (GardaWorld)** into Nigeria. He advised on market entry strategy, board formation, licensing and Government policy as well as aiding in market penetration. In 2016 he led negotiations for an equity buyback by Gardaworld Middle-East.

He worked as Lead Business and Political Adviser to Rear Admiral Ndubuisi Kanu from 2012 till his passing in 2021.

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Gihan has given various public presentations on 'Entrepreneurship as a first option' and has published articles on the effects of Politics and Policy on Entrepreneurship in Nigeria.

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