

Acada
Magazine

SPECIAL
EDITION
/// JUNE :: 2026

EXCLUSIVE!

MIKE ADENUGA'S
DAUGHTER AT 40:

40

FASCINATING
SECRETS
OF THE
GLAMOROUS
BOARDROOM
CONTESSA

Bella
DISU

FORTYfied & Unstoppable

FREE | FREE | FREE

JUNE 2026



www.acadaextra.com



BIGGER DATA

SAME OLD PRICE



Browse more with *monthly data bundle*

N1500 ~~5.0GB~~ **5.2GB** **30 days**

N2000 ~~6.15GB~~ **6.25GB** **30 days**

N3000 ~~10GB~~ **10.5GB** **30 days**

To get started
Dial *312# or

SCAN TO DOWNLOAD THE

GloCafé APP



Unlimited

Ts & Cs Apply



파워링

BILLIONAIRE BLOOD, BOARDROOM FIRE: How Bella Disu Is Shaping Her Own Empire

In the bustling corridors of Nigerian enterprise, few names command quiet reverence like Belinda Ajoke Olubunmi Disu. Born on May 29, 1986, into the formidable Adenuga family as the second daughter of telecom titan Dr. Mike Adenuga Jr., Bella could have easily coasted on privilege. Instead, she charted her own deliberate path. Educated at Corona School and Queen's College in Lagos before earning a B.A. in International Relations from the University of Massachusetts at just 14, she followed with advanced degrees from Northeastern University and Imperial College London. Joining Globacom in 2004, Bella rose through the ranks with discipline and vision, becoming Executive Vice Chairman in 2019. Today, she steers multiple ventures as CEO of Cobblestone Properties, Chairman of Abumet Nigeria Limited, and a board leader at Julius Berger, while championing landmark cultural projects like the Alliance Française Mike Adenuga Centre.

Beyond boardrooms, Bella's life is a masterclass in multifaceted impact. A

devoted wife to venture capitalist Jameel Disu and mother of three, she founded the Bella Disu Foundation to drive education, healthcare, and women's empowerment. Her passions extend to the arts; she plays piano and saxophone, authored the award-winning children's book *Soso and The Kako Leaf*, and was honored as Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the French government. An enthusiastic tennis player, she created the Bella Disu Open to nurture young talent. Recognized by *Forbes Africa*, *Choiseul 100*, and numerous local accolades, Bella embodies poised leadership, delivering a powerful TEDx talk urging action over waiting for perfect readiness.

Her story resonates because it transcends inherited wealth. Bella has consistently chosen substance over spotlight, building identity through execution, gratitude, and purpose. Whether launching the SheGlows Program for female leaders at Globacom or bridging cultures through philanthropy, she demonstrates that legacy is not received; it is actively shaped.

THE TEAM

Abiodun Caston-Dada	Publisher
Mutiat Alli Omoniye	Editor-at-large
Nelson Nse-Abasi	Writer
Damilola Salam	Writer
Yetunde Onanuga	Advert Manager
Abiodun Olujomoye	Production Manager
Moshood Idris	Web Consultant
'Lekan Caston-Dada	Photography

CONTACT US

For inquiries and adverts:
Upper floor, Suite 18 & 19, Jowon Plaza, 14B, Tinubu Rd.,
Via Ilupeju Road, Ilupeju, Palmgrove, Lagos.
E-mail: acadamag@gmail.com

Advert Hotlines:

+2348057002424, +2348062300002, +2348028605025

PHOTO CREDIT: Bella Disu IG // Kunmi Owopetu



Abiodun Caston-Dada
PUBLISHER/EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



BELLA



Bella DISU

FORTYfied

40

40 FASCINATING SECRETS OF THE GLAMOROUS BOARDROOM CONTESSA

Bella Disu's remarkable intelligence is matched only by her timeless beauty and quiet elegance, creating a presence that commands respect without seeking the spotlight. Like they say, an apple doesn't fall too far from the tree; and just like her father, the reclusive billionaire Mike

Adenuga, she prefers substance over spectacle, maintaining a low public profile despite her significant influence in business and society. This measured approach—blending sharp strategic acumen with grace and humility—has allowed her to build a formidable reputation on merit rather than fanfare, carving a legacy defined by purposeful leadership and understated power. As the ancient philosopher Lao Tzu wisely observed, “A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.”

Born on May 29, 1986, into one of Nigeria's most illustrious business dynasties, Bella Disu (née Adenuga) is the daughter of billionaire Dr. Mike Adenuga Jr., the visionary founder of Globacom and Conoil. From an early age, she was immersed in an

environment of enterprise, discipline, and ambition. Rather than resting on her family legacy, Bella charted her own path, blending inherited business acumen with a fierce determination to build a distinctive personal brand as a leader, innovator, and cultural patron. At 40, she stands as one of Nigeria's most influential corporate figures—widely admired for her elegance, strategic brilliance, and commitment to excellence.

**Bella Disu's
remarkable
intelligence is
matched only by
her timeless beauty
and quiet elegance,
creating a presence
that commands
respect without
seeking the
spotlight.**

Bella's educational foundation is as impressive as her pedigree. She attended top institutions in Lagos, including Corona School, Victoria Island, Queen's College, and Vivian Fowler Memorial College for Girls. At just 14, she moved to the United States, earning a B.A. in Political Science and International Relations from the University of Massachusetts, Boston. She further honed her leadership capabilities with an M.Sc. in Leadership from Northeastern University, Boston, and an MBA from Imperial College London. This global academic exposure equipped her with a sophisticated worldview, analytical rigor, and the strategic mindset that would define her corporate journey.

Her professional career began in 2004 at Globacom, where she started from the ground up, learning every facet of the telecommunications giant. Rising through the ranks with dedication and competence, Bella was appointed Executive Vice Chairman in January 2019, serving as the second-in-command to her father. Under her strategic leadership, the company has continued to innovate and expand its influence across West Africa. Beyond telecoms, she serves as CEO of Cobblestone Properties and Estates Limited, a premier real estate development firm behind landmark luxury projects such as high-end residential developments and upcoming shopping malls in prime Lagos locations.

Bella's achievements extend across multiple sectors. She holds board positions in major companies, including as Chairman of Abumet Nigeria Limited and Non-Executive Director at Julius Berger Nigeria Plc. A passionate arts patron and philanthropist, she is a long-term supporter of the Musical Society of Nigeria (MUSON) and Director of the Mike Adenuga Centre. Through the Bella Disu Foundation, she drives initiatives focused on education, women's empowerment, youth development, and community outreach. Her influence has earned her recognition among Nigeria's most inspiring women and global business leaders.

At 40, Bella Disu embodies the perfect fusion of legacy and innovation. As the daughter of a billionaire who built empires in Oil & Gas, Real Estate, Banking and Telecom, she has not only upheld the family standard but elevated it through her own vision and execution. Whether steering one of Africa's largest telcos, developing iconic real estate, or championing culture and social impact, Bella continues to redefine what it means to be a modern Nigerian business leader—graceful, powerful, and purpose-driven.





Bella

Belinda "Bella"
Ajoke Olubunmi
Disu, née Adenuga
has expressed a
clear personal
philosophy
centered on action,
courage,
leadership,
empowerment
(especially for
women),
adaptability,
integrity, and
building impact
beyond privilege.



4.0 THINGS TO KNOW

- 01** Bella Disu was born Belinda Ajoke Olubunmi Adenuga on May 29, 1986, in Lagos, Nigeria.
- 02** She is the daughter of billionaire Dr. Mike Adenuga Jr., founder of Globacom and Conoil.
- 03** Her mother is Emelia Adefolake Marquis, a Nigerian entrepreneur.
- 04** Bella attended Corona School in Victoria Island for her primary education.
- 05** She studied at Queen's College, Yaba, before transferring to Vivian Fowler Memorial College for Girls.
- 06** At age 14, she moved to the United States for further studies.
- 07** Bella earned a B.A. in Political Science and International Relations from the University of Massachusetts, Boston. She holds an M.Sc. in Leadership from Northeastern University, Boston.
- 08** Bella also obtained an MBA from Imperial College London.
- 09** She joined Globacom in 2004 as a sales executive at age 18.
- 10** Bella rose through the ranks at Globacom with dedication and merit.



40 THINGS TO KNOW



- 11** In 2019, she was appointed Executive Vice Chairman of Globacom.
- 12** She serves as CEO of Cobblestone Properties and Estates Limited. Cobblestone develops luxury residential and commercial projects in prime Lagos locations.
- 13** Bella is Chairman of the Construction giant, Abumet Nigeria Limited.
- 14** She is a Non-Executive Director at Julius Berger Nigeria Plc.
- 15** She chairs the Strategy Committee at Julius Berger.
- 16** She is a passionate patron of the arts and culture.
- 17** Bella played a key role in establishing the Alliance Française Mike Adenuga Centre in Ikoyi.
- 18** In 2019, the French government awarded her the Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres.
- 19** She is the youngest recipient of the French national prestigious national honour.
- 20** She is a director of the Mike Adenuga Centre.



Glo Empowered Women With SheGlows

Leading telecommunications company, **Globacom**, recently launched **SheGlows** initiative, a landmark program aimed at empowering, developing, and celebrating the company's female workforce.

SheGlows underscores Globacom's commitment to fostering an environment where women can thrive, lead, and inspire. The initiative focuses on nurturing talent, providing leadership opportunities, and building a supportive community that encourages the growth and success of every woman at Globacom.

The **Executive Vice Chairperson (EVC), Globacom, Bella Disu**, disclosed that the programme's objective is to empower the female workforce with the tools, knowledge, and support system needed to excel in their careers and leadership roles. *"This is more than just a programme; it's a reflection of our dedication to creating a balanced, inclusive, and empowering workplace," she said, adding, "SheGlows is a testament to our belief in the incredible potential of our female colleagues and our commitment to lighting their path to success."*

According to her, at the heart of SheGlows are mentorship and community-building activities designed to foster meaningful connections, share knowledge, and offer guidance. *"The initiative aims to create a culture of empowerment where women support women, sharing experiences and lessons that pave the way for future leaders,"* she noted further.

Bella Disu said Globacom looked forward to witnessing the positive changes and achievements emerging from the vibrant community of empowered women which SheGlows will engender saying, *"The initiative is a crucial step towards realizing the company's vision of a diverse and inclusive workplace where every woman has the opportunity to shine and lead"*.

OTO 2 Gallery





THE Baker

Baking is one of Bella Disu's long-time personal hobbies, which she shares occasionally on Instagram (@belladisu) as a fulfilling, consistent activity outside her high-profile career.





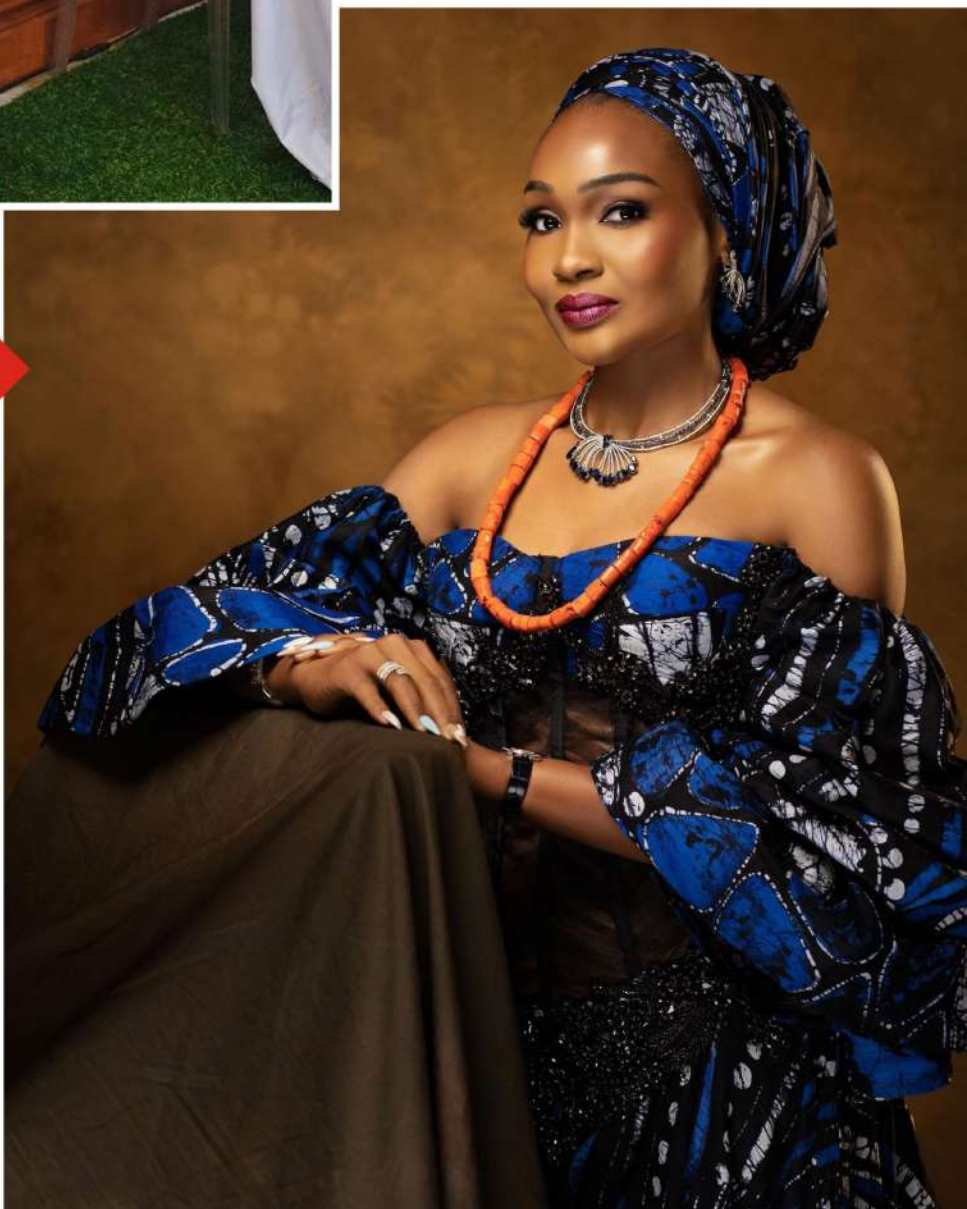
4.0 THINGS TO KNOW

- 21 Bella is a long-time supporter of the Musical Society of Nigeria (MUSON).
- 22 She plays the piano and saxophone.
- 23 Aside arts and playing of musical instruments, she also loves baking.
- 24 In 2022, Bella authored the children's book Soso and The Kako Leaf.
- 25 She founded the Bella Disu Foundation to support education and empowerment.
- 26 The foundation focuses on women's empowerment, youth development, and community outreach.
- 27 In 2024, Bella launched the SheGlows initiative at Globacom to empower female employees.
- 28 She has been recognized in the Choiseul 100 Africa list for two consecutive years.
- 29 Bella has featured in Lagos State's #Eko100Women program multiple times.
- 30 In 2025, she was named among Forbes Africa's Top 50 Most Inspiring Women.



stylish

elegant





4.0 THINGS TO KNOW

- 31** Bella married Jameel Disu, a venture capitalist, in April 2010.
- 32** The couple has three children and maintains a relatively private family life.
- 33** She is known for her elegance, grace, and strategic business mind.
- 34** Bella is an avid tennis enthusiast and supports the sport through the Bella Disu Open.
- 35** She emphasizes hard work and merit over privilege in her career.
- 36** Bella is described as a multi-potentialite business leader, author, arts lover, and philanthropist.
- 37** She has over 20 years of professional experience across telecom, real estate, and construction.
- 38** Bella is widely admired for carving her own identity beyond the Adenuga name.
- 39** At 40, she continues to drive innovation and impact in Nigeria's corporate landscape.
- 40** Bella Disu embodies legacy, leadership, and purposeful living as a modern Nigerian icon.



“ Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgement that something else is more important than fear. ”



Dedication

“ ... When you are dedicated and passionate, even when you think no one is watching, today will be the tomorrow you always dreamt of.

”

(From an acceptance speech for the French honour **Chevalier dans l'ordre des Arts et des Lettres.**)

HAPPY
40th
Birthday

BELLA DISU

May this new year of life bring you even closer to your boldest career milestones. May your strategic decisions yield massive success, and may your influence continue to break barriers. Wishing you continued wisdom, unshakeable resilience, and good health.



29TH . MAY . 2026



On silver-spoon privilege:

“

If you solely rely on being silver spoon kids to seek relevance, you'll be mere onlookers in the journey of life.

”

Charge to women:

"My charge to women is to keep climbing the career ladder. Climb it anxious. Climb it confidently. But just keep climbing. And when you get to the top, because you will give a helping hand to the women coming behind you this is how we grow!"



ABUMET

ABUMET

Abumet is a full-service aluminum and glass solutions provider with over 30 years experience delivering innovative products and services in Nigeria.

📞 08039067334

✉️ sales@abumet.com

📱 [abumet.nigeria](https://www.instagram.com/abumet.nigeria)





CAMPUS LIFE | EVENTS | SHOWBIZ | PEOPLE | LINK UP

nobody
covers the
campuses
like we do!



SCAN  ME



www.acadaextra.com