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Dr. Ihonvbere is an award-winning academic and human rights activist. He is the recipient of the First Mario Zamora Memorial Award from the Association of Third World Studies. He is the author of *Labor, Capital and the State in Nigeria's Oil Industry* (1998); *Economic Crisis, Civil Society and Democratization: The Case of Zambia* (Africa World Press 1996); and *Nigeria: The Politics of Adjustment and Democracy* (Transaction 1994).

Dr. Ihonvbere is also the co-author of many books including (with Timothy Shaw of Dalhousie), *The Illusions of Power: Nigeria in Transition* (Africa World Press 1998); and (with John Mbaku), *Multiparty Democracy and Political Change: Constraints to Democratization in Africa* (1998). Among his forthcoming works is the book: *Fragile Democracies: The Legacy of Authoritarianism in Africa*.

A keynote address, "Pan-Africanism: Agenda for African Unity in the 1990s," delivered as the keynote address to the All-African Student's Conference at Guelph University in Ontario can be found at: <http://www.hardford-hwp.com/archives/30/033.html>. Dr. Ihonvbere writes (p. 11 of 16): "The west is dictating and forcing a democratic agenda on Africa and is once again putting Africa on the path to a false start: confusing democracy with elections. What Africa needs, as part of the new agenda is not multi-party elections but the total: democratization of the political, social, and economic landscape of Africa. From schools, through households to governments, there must be a new spirit of enthusiasm for democracy, empowerment, accountability, social justice, equality, respect for human rights, popular participation, and the guarantee of freedoms and liberties."

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