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Funke Amobi is the Regional Head, People and Culture (P&C) Nigeria and West Africa for Standard Bank Group. She is responsible for shaping the people and culture strategy across six countries. She is also a non-executive director of Stanbic IBTC Asset Management Limited.

Funke holds a first degree in Economics from the University of Lagos, Nigeria, where she graduated with a second-class honors, upper division. Following the award of the prestigious British Chevening Scholarship in 2007, she proceeded to study for an MBA at the Lancaster University, UK, where she graduated with distinction and received the Dean's Award. In 2021, the University awarded her the Outstanding Alumni Award, an esteemed award for graduates who have developed an outstanding national or international reputation among their peers. Funke also holds a Postgraduate Certificate in Talent and Career Management from the University of Surrey, United Kingdom, and a Postgraduate Certificate in Organizational Development and Psychology of Change from the University of Bedfordshire, United Kingdom. She is a Chartered Fellow of CIPD, UK, and was awarded the Chartered Companion status, the highest recognition in the world of HR & People Development in the UK. She is also a Member of the CIPM Nigeria, and SHRM USA where she served as a subject matter expert.

Funke is a multiple award winner. She was a global finalist of the Professional Achievement Award in the 2015 UK Alumni Education Awards and was also awarded the 2015 HR Leader award in Nigeria by the HR People Magazine. In February 2017, Funke was recognized among the 100 most influential HR persons globally; the Award was presented at the 2017 World HRD Congress held in Mumbai, India and organized by Times Ascent India. In 2020, Funke was named one of "Africa Thought Leaders in HR" by iPerformance. Prior to this she was recognized amongst Nigeria's "50 Top Corporate Women" for bringing distinct value to the workplace, and she also emerged winner and was named 2019 All Africa Employee Engagement Professional of the Year. She serves as Lead Lecturer for Organizational Behaviour & Management in the Executive MBA Faculty of the University of Ibadan, Nigeria's premier university. In 2016, she was appointed to the Dean's Council/Advisory Board of Lancaster University Management School, UK (LUMS) and

was appointed to the Board of the Pan Atlantic University, Lagos, (LBS) Nigeria in 2021. She was also appointed an Honorary Professorial Fellow in Lancaster University Management School, UK in 2021. In 2022, Funke was named one of the 40 HR Leaders and Innovators in Nigeria to Follow as well as one of Africa's Top 50 HR Leaders in the Africa Human Resources Innovation Awards.

With over 25 years' experience in HR, spanning across the telecommunications, oil and gas, and banking industries in Nigeria, Funke has a wealth of experience as a certified HR management practitioner, with a unique specialist depth in talent management and organization development. Before joining Stanbic IBTC, she was the General Manager, Organization and Talent Development for MTN Nigeria Plc.

Funke is a much sought-after speaker nationally and internationally on human resources and management issues who is deeply passionate about women empowerment, youth employability, and enabling career professionals thrive. She is married to Fred, and they are blessed with a son.