



# EJIKE UGBOAJA basketball profile

Team: Kano Pillars (Nigeria) (2016-16)

Uniform: 12  
Height: 203cm / 6'8"  
Position: Forward  
Born: 1985  
Weight: 102kg / 224.4lbs  
Nationality: Nigerian  
Agency:

Previous teams / draft:  
Mark Mentors (Nigeria)  
I.T.U. (Turkey)  
Juventus (Lithuania)  
Jahesh (Iran)  
BC Odessa (Ukraine)



Born: May 28, 1985

## Outlook:

Well-travelled veteran Power Forward/Center who is the only player in history to be drafted by an NBA club directly out of Africa. Great rebounder and hustle player. Has tremendous athleticism. Does not have great ball handling ability or footwork. Has improved his shooting, especially from three point line to become very consistent open shooter.

## Career:

2002-2003: Yelwa Hawks  
2004-2005: Union Bank Lagos (Premier League)  
2005-2006: Union Bank Lagos (Premier L. Atlantic, starting five)  
2006: Drafted by Cleveland Cavaliers (NBA,2rd(55))  
2006 July: Toshiba Vegas Summer League (Cleveland Cavaliers)  
2006-2007: Cleveland Cavaliers (NBA), in Jan.'07 tested by Kager Gdynia (Poland-DBL): 4 games: 4.0ppg, 3.0rpg, but not signed, in Feb.'07 moved to Deltalcon APOEL Nicosia (Cyprus-Division A)  
2007: Albuquerque Thunderbirds (D-League) training camp  
2007: Drafted by Albuquerque Thunderbirds (D-League,5rd(59))  
2007-2008: Albuquerque Thunderbirds (D-League): 14 games: 3.1ppg, 2.8rpg, waived in Jan.'08, later that month signed by Anaheim Arsenal (D-League): 30 games: 5.8ppg, 6.1rpg, FGP: 49.4%, FT: 57.5%  
2008-2009: Azad University (Iran-Superleague, starting five)  
2009-2010: In Oct.'09 signed at Azovmash Mariupol (Ukraine-Superleague, starting five): Ukrainian League: 7 games: 9.1ppg, 5.9rpg, FGP: 55.6%, 3PT: 28.6%, FT: 88.9%; EuroCup: 2 games: 13.0ppg, 4.5rpg; VTB United League: 3 games: 6.3ppg, 4.0rpg, FGP: 33.3%, 3PT: 42.9%, FT: 75.0%, left in Dec.'09, in Feb.'10 moved to Petrochimi Imam Harbour (Iran-Superleague, starting five)  
2010-2011: Autocid Ford Burgos (Spain-LEB Gold): 11 games: 6.1ppg, 5.0rpg, FGP: 47.1%, 3PT: 12.5%, FT: 80.0%, in Nov.'10 parted ways, in Jan.'11 moved to BC Odessa (Ukraine-Superleague, starting five): 24 games: 9.3ppg, 5.8rpg, FGP: 54.0%, FT: 68.5%  
2011-2012: Jahesh Tarabar Qom (Iran-Superleague, starting five): Score-4(19.7ppg), Reb-2(12.6rpg)  
2012-2013: In Feb.'13 signed at Juventus-LKSK Utenos (Lithuania-LKL, starting five): 2 games: 3.0ppg, 5.0rpg, 1.0apg, 1.0spg, tryouts  
2013-2014: Istanbul Teknik Universiteti (Turkey-TB2L): 17 games: 18.6ppg, Reb-3(10.8rpg), 1.0spg, FGP: 44.3%, 3PT-3(48.3%), FT: 69.1%, left in Feb.'14  
2014: Mark Mentors BC (Nigeria-DStv PBL, starting five): African Champions Cup: 4 games: 14.3ppg, Reb-2(10.0rpg), 1.0spg, FGP: 44.4%, 3PT: 35.3%, FT: 53.8%  
2016: Kano Pillars (DStv PBL, starting five): African Champions Cup: 7 games: 11.4ppg, 5.4rpg, FGP: 46.4%, 3PT: 27.3%, FT: 71.4%

## Awards/Achievements:

Nigerian U18 National Team -02-03  
African Championships U18 in Egypt -02(Gold)  
World Championships U18 in Greece -03  
Nigerian U21 National Team -05  
World Championships U21 in Argentina -05  
African Club Championships -05 (Semifinals)  
Nigerian National Team -06-07, 09, 11-12, 15  
Commonwealth Games in Melbourne -06 (Semifinals, All-Tournament 2nd Team): 15.4ppg, 9.8rpg, 0.4apg  
All-Africa Games in Algeria -07  
African Championships in Angola -07  
African Championships in Libya -09: 9 games: 5.6ppg, 6.1rpg, FGP: 51.5%, FT: 66.7%

Iranian Superleague Semifinals -10

Africabasket.com All-African Championships 3rd Team -11

African Championships in Madagascar -11 (Bronze): 7 games: 10.4ppg, Reb-4(8.6rpg), 1.0apg, 1.3spg, FGP: 58.5%, FT: 52.4%

Olympic Games Additional Qualifying Round in Caracas (Venezuela) -12: 5 games: 3.4ppg, 2.6rpg

Olympic Games in London (United Kingdom) -12: 3 games: 2.0ppg, 4.0rpg

Eurobasket.com All-Turkish TB2L Honorable Mention -14

Nigerian Premier League Savannah Conference Runner-Up -14

Nigerian Premier League Finalist -14

African Champions Cup Semifinals -16

# AFRICAN CHAMPIONS CUP (2016)

STATS SUMMARY														
TEAM	G	MIN	PTS	2FGP	3FGP	FT	RO	RD	RT	AS	PF	BS	ST	TO
Kano Pillars	7	157	80	26-56	6-22	10-14	15	23	38	4	19	4	3	12
STATS AVARAGE														
TEAM	G	MIN	PTS	2FGP	3FGP	FT	RO	RD	RT	AS	PF	BS	ST	TO
Kano Pillars	7	22.4	11.4	46.4%	27.3%	71.4%	2.1	3.3	5.4	0.6	2.7	0.6	0.4	1.7

DETAILS																	
DATE	TEAM	AGANIST TEAM	RESULT	MIN	PTS	2FGP	3FGP	FT	RO	RD	RT	AS	PF	BS	ST	TO	RNK
12/7/2016	Kano Pillars	C Africain	87-47	24	4	2-6	0-1	0-0	4	4	8	3	2	2	0	2	8
12/10/2016	Kano Pillars	Nzui Manto	75-86	19	11	3-5	1-4	2-2	2	3	5	1	4	2	1	2	9
12/11/2016	Kano Pillars	1 De Agosto	79-83	28	17	4-5	3-5	0-0	2	3	5	0	3	0	1	3	14
12/12/2016	Kano Pillars	Al Ahly	92-76	22	19	8-12	1-4	0-0	2	3	5	0	3	0	1	2	13
12/14/2016	Kano Pillars	GS Pétroliers	91-81	21	16	4-9	1-3	5-7	4	4	8	0	4	0	0	0	11
12/15/2016	Kano Pillars	Al Ahly	71-65	25	8	3-10	0-2	2-2	0	4	4	0	1	0	0	1	1
12/16/2016	Kano Pillars	ASS Sale	76-88	18	5	2-9	0-3	1-3	1	2	3	0	2	0	0	2	-8