



**Lola Aneke** is an award winning educator with a K-12 practicing license from North Carolina in the United States. She holds a Master of Art in Teaching (MAT) Special and Inclusive Education from Meredith College, North Carolina, and a Bachelor Degree in Sociology from University of Lagos. Lola is an IBCCES Board Certified Telepractice Specialist (BCTS) as well as a Board Certified Cognitive Specialist (BCCS).

Lola is versed in the Common Core and Essential United States Standards, and well experienced in hands-on, challenging, and creative learning activities that take into consideration the diverse needs and experiences of all students particularly students with special needs in both special and inclusive education settings. Her certification covers the 13 disabilities in the United States Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and she has taught children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), speech and communication disorders, learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and other related disabilities in the United States and Nigeria. She is currently a consultant on inclusive education consultant for UNICEF and Mott McDonald.

She is the Founder/CEO of the Comprehensive Autism and related Disabilities Education and Training Academy, known as the C.A.D.E.T. Academy, and the non-profit, Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) Dewdrops Community Centre for Special Needs, both located in Abuja. Lola is also a media personality and hosted the only weekly special needs radio show in Nigeria from 2015 to 2019. She currently hosts an Online TV show on YouTube, titled, Finding Help with Special Needs, and a 24/7 Support Group for families and educators with over 700 members on Telegram. All these efforts are aimed at creating awareness, advocating for inclusive education, and empowering parents and caregivers with relevant information and resources. She is the convener of the annual Global Inclusive Educators Virtual Summer Camp, in partnership with Nessy, which brought together 150 participants from 6 continents in the year 2020 edition. She has trained and empowered numerous parents, teachers and caregivers locally and internationally and is a published author of three crucial books, namely: Special Needs Made Easy (Vol.1), Mastering Autism and Dyslexia Bible. Lola has been interviewed on various local and international media platforms including "BBC Focus on Africa" and she received "Her Network Woman of the Year in Education Award" for 2019. She was recently recognized by "Leading Ladies Africa" as one of the 100 most inspiring women in Nigeria 2020.