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PROFILE

I am a seasoned professional with a decade of experience in the financial industry, an in-depth knowledge of financial policies and regulations, and a proven track record in cross-border supervision of financial institutions with operations spanning across 20+ African markets. I am proficient in navigating regulatory landscapes across the African continent, thereby contributing to effective cross-border supervision, and ensuring a holistic approach to monitoring technological disruption within the finance industry. My career has been defined by a relentless commitment to extracting valuable insights from financial data, bridging the worlds of finance and data analytics through data mining, data wrangling, exploratory data analysis and data visualization.

EDUCATION

Columbia University – New York, NY **December 2022**
Master of Science in Applied Data Analytics

Bayero University Kano – Kano, Nigeria **December 2010**
Bachelor of Science in Economics

SKILLS

Analytics Tools: Microsoft Office Tools, Canva, Adobe Premier Pro, Tableau, SQL, Python for Data Analysis

Core Competencies: Financial Analysis, Risk Assessment, Regulatory Compliance, Financial Reporting, Policy Development, Data Analysis, Forecasting, Time Management, Critical Thinking, Communication, Leadership, Mentoring, Environmental Advocacy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Data Analyst *Highcastle Consulting* | United States **Dec 2023 – Present**

- Conduct comprehensive financial analysis, including variance and trend analysis, and forecasting to assist in strategic planning.
- Gather and consolidate financial data from various sources, ensuring accuracy, completeness to enable process optimization.
- Maintain databases and data repositories, implementing data quality controls and validation checks to ensure the accuracy.
- Identify key financial metrics and KPIs for the business to evaluate performance and support strategic initiatives.
- Develop and maintain financial reports and dashboards to present insights and trends effectively.

Associate, Bank Regulator *Central Bank of Nigeria* | Nigeria **Jan 2018 – Jan 2023**

- Studying the regulatory frameworks, policies, and operational guidelines of African Countries with the presence of Nigerian Banks to ensure proper supervision.
- Maintained a compendium of circulars, laws and policies of the banking industry issued by the Central Bank and other regulators.
- Conducted numerous investigations and spot checks on the operations of cryptocurrency exchanges and other fintech startups in Nigeria, leading to the development of regulatory policies and framework for licensing and regulation of fintech companies.
- Developed and maintained relationships with regulators from other African countries to enhance compliance with international standards.
- Verified compliance with regulatory requirements and expectations in relation to the quantification of internal capital and liquidity requirements and prepared detailed management reports summarizing risk profiles, capital adequacy, and compliance status.

Financial Data Analyst *Central Bank of Nigeria* | Nigeria **Nov 2013 – Dec 2017**

- Conducted onsite risk-based examinations of 12 banks by identifying the amount of risks the banks are exposed to and assessing the strength of risk management control functions put in place to mitigate those risks.
- Served as the subject matter expert on financial data analysis, budget monitoring, and reconciliation financial statements.
- Conducted routine examinations of banks, financial institutions, and money services businesses to assess compliance with AML/CFT regulations and guidelines.
- Produced periodic Monetary Policy Implementation Committee (MPIC) reports, by evaluating global and domestic economic developments and their likely impacts on price stability and economic growth.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Charter – CFA Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia

Basel Core Elements of Banking Supervision Certificate - International Monetary Fund, IMF Institute, Ebene Mauritius

Financial Soundness Indicators Certificate - International Monetary Fund, IMF Institute, Washington DC

Capital Markets Professional Certification – New York Institute of Finance, New York

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Educator, **United Nations Association of United States of America** (UNA USA)

Project Manager, **Enactus Alumni**

Member, **Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute**

Member, **The Climate Reality Project** (Led by former US Vice President Al Gore)

RELEVANT PROJECTS

Financial Budgeting and Performance Dashboard

- Designed and developed an interactive financial performance dashboard using tools like Excel, Tableau.
- Collaborated with department heads to develop and align budgets with strategic goals and deliver cost-saving initiatives.
- Consolidated and visualized key financial metrics, enabling stakeholders to monitor company performance in real-time.
- Provided executives with actionable insights, leading to more informed decision-making and a 10% increase in profitability.

Analytics & Finance (Tutoring) Project – Columbia SPS Top 10 Innovative Projects

- Utilized Canva and Adobe Premier Pro to create visually compelling and effective presentations and YouTube video tutorials, teaching students the basics of Quantitative Modeling and Finance in a logical easy to understand manner.
- Chosen among the top 10 innovative graduate students projects from Columbia University School of Professional Studies.