PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Visionary and results-driven policy strategist, governance expert, and regional development leader with 9+ years of experience in research, policy formulation, and institutional governance across ECOWAS member states. Proven expertise in international relations, intergovernmental decision-making, compliance enforcement, and institutional coordination. Adept at advising high-level government bodies, policy organs, and civil society stakeholders on governance, security, and policy implementation within West Africa's regulatory frameworks. A multilingual leader fluent in English, French, and Igbo, with extensive experience in stakeholder engagement, ethics enforcement, and regional policy harmonization.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- ✓ International Policy & Governance Proven track record of evaluating and implementing ECOWAS policies, treaties, and legal frameworks.
- ✓ **High-Stakes Negotiation & Diplomacy** Expertise in facilitating intergovernmental dialogues, regional decision-making, and multi-stakeholder collaboration.
- ✓ **Institutional Compliance & Ethics** Strong ability to enforce governance standards, ethical best practices, and procedural integrity within ECOWAS institutions.
- ✓ Strategic Leadership & Stakeholder Management Extensive experience in advising policymakers, leading research teams, and implementing governance reforms.
- **ECOWAS Regional Experience** Deep understanding of ECOWAS structures, inter-institutional coordination, and policy enforcement mechanisms.
- ✓ **Legal & Regulatory Frameworks** Skilled in monitoring legal compliance, policy alignment, and institutional accountability in regional governance.
- Multilingual & Cross-Cultural Expertise Fluent in English, French and a professional working knowledge of Chinese for effective engagement across diverse communities.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Research Executive | Institutional Governance & Compliance Seven Star Consultants Ltd | October 2024 – Present

- Directed research and policy evaluations on governance, compliance, and regulatory frameworks across ECOWAS states.
- Provided high-level policy advisory services to governments, development agencies, and intergovernmental bodies.
- Conducted regional monitoring & evaluation (M&E) assessments, analysing policy effectiveness and compliance with ECOWAS directives.
- Managed cross-border stakeholder engagements, liaising with policymakers, civil society organizations, and international development partners.
- Spearheaded institutional research on ethics, transparency, and governance best practices within West African institutions.

Key Projects:

- **ECOWAS Commission** Led the *Evaluation of the Promotion of Integrated School Feeding Models in West Africa and Local Organizations in Liberia*.
- **UNDP** Conducted a Final Project Evaluation on Strengthening Local & State-Level Peace Architectures for Peacebuilding in Northwest Nigeria.
- WaterAid West Africa Developed the *Community of Changemakers Platform* for WASH advocacy across the region.
- ActionAid & CARE Nigeria Led multi-sectoral humanitarian and security needs assessments in conflict-affected areas of Nigeria.

Research Associate (Policy & Institutional Governance) National Journal of Arts and Humanities (NJAH) | January 2021 – October 2024

- Conducted high-level policy research and institutional analysis on governance frameworks within ECOWAS member states.
- Assessed compliance with regional treaties, legal mandates, and governance protocols.
- Provided expert advisory on institutional transparency, regional integration policies, and regulatory alignment.

Research Associate (International Policy & Compliance) International Journal of Applied Sciences (IJAAS) | September 2021 – October 2024

- Reviewed governance structures, ensuring institutional alignment with ECOWAS' legal and policy frameworks.
- Advised on best practices for policy development, ethics enforcement, and compliance monitoring.

Francophone Intern (Governance & Policy Research) United Nations Online Volunteer Program | February 2016 – November 2019

- Conducted research and policy assessments on governance, investment, and legal frameworks in Francophone and Anglophone regions.
- Translated high-level legal, administrative, and corporate documents between English and French to facilitate cross-border policy harmonization.
- Advised on intergovernmental processes, policy implementation strategies, and stakeholder coordination.

EDUCATION

Masters in International Affairs & Diplomacy (MIAD) – In Progress Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria | Expected 2026

Bachelor of Arts in French (Second Class Upper Division) University of Benin

Professional Certifications:

- Managing Successful Field Research World Bank Group
- DALF C2 (Mention Très Bien) Alliance Française
- Professional French Writing Fatunde Francophone Foundation

DIGITAL COMPETENCE

- Data Analysis & Research Tools: SPSS, Stata, Power BI, EVIEWS, Excel, ODK, Kobo Collect, CommCare.
- Policy Research & Compliance Software: Legal & regulatory databases, institutional governance tools.
- Language & Translation Tools: Trados, MemoQ, Microsoft Translator.

LANGUAGES

• English: C2 – Proficient

• **French:** C2 – Proficient

• **Chinese:** B2 – Independent

LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

• Attended ECOWAS regional policy conferences and governance summits.

- Trained in institutional compliance, governance best practices, and intergovernmental negotiations.
- Led diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives in regional policy-making.