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PERSONAL BIO & PROFILE

Dr. Ilevbare Godson, a distinguished scholar and expert in Information Science, is a highly accomplished individual with a diverse academic background and a passion for research. Holding a Ph.D. from the University of Uyo, Dr. Ilevbare Godson has consistently demonstrated a commitment to advancing knowledge and contributing to the academic community.

Starting his academic journey with a Bachelor of Technology in Marine Technology from the Federal University of Technology, Owerri (FUTO), Dr. Ilevbare Godson laid the foundation for future interdisciplinary pursuits. His early career included internships with the Nigerian Ports Authority and National Inland Waterways Authority, followed by a post-graduation role as a media officer. He then progressed into roles such as network and systems engineer, social informatics specialist, IT business development, cyber security expert, IT project manager, software developer, and logistics officer.

Driven by a keen interest in electronics engineering and photography engineering, Dr. Ilevbare Godson pursued Advanced Diplomas from the prestigious GSTC in Benin City, showcasing a unique blend of technical expertise and artistic flair. Continuing his academic journey, he earned a Master's in Information Science from the renowned African Regional Centre for Information Science (ARCIS) at the University of Ibadan, marking a pivotal moment in his career and shaping his focus on the dynamic field of information science.

In addition to his academic achievements, Dr. Ilevbare Godson holds a certificate in Climate Change and Mitigation from Ain Shams University Cairo in Egypt, and advanced certificate in procurement management from the University of Benin, underscoring his commitment to interdisciplinary research and addressing global challenges. Over his 22-year career, he has excelled as a seasoned industrialist, researcher and academic, contributing significantly to international journals and staying at the forefront of technological advancements.

Dr. Ilevbare Godson's research interests cover a wide array of information science sub-fields including: artificial intelligence, robotics, cyber security, computational linguistics, data science, information retrieval, knowledge management, digital libraries, information architecture, human-computer interaction (HCI), data management, information security, web science, bioinformatics, geographic and environmental information systems (GEIS), social informatics, information ethics, usability engineering among others.

As a passionate and experienced information technology specialist, manager, transport and logistics professional, and consultant, Dr. Ilevbare Godson has provided services for existing infrastructures in both corporate and academic industries. He has held various cross-functional roles for business and technical teams, led tech and non-tech project executions, and spearheaded community-based social and environmental impact assessments (SEIA) in over 70 communities in Nigeria. His track record of excellence in academia and practical insights gained from his diverse educational background

continue to make substantial contributions to bridging gaps between technology, information science, and pressing global challenges. In conclusion, Dr. Ilevbare Godson is the Director/Founder of TeamX Global Initiative (TGI) an umbrella name for TeamX Media and Business Solutions (an ICT based SME), and Church-in-Da-Streets (a Charity/Help Organization).

EDUCATION

- **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D) Degree in Information Science**, University of Uyo, Nigeria (2023)
Dissertation: Information Literacy Skills and the Research Output of Academic Librarians in South-South Geopolitical Zone of Nigeria.
Dissertation Supervisor: Dr. Mercy E. Ukpanah
- **Masters in Information Science Degree (M.Inf.Sc)**, Africa Regional Centre for Information Science (ARCIS) Benue Road, University of Ibadan, Nigeria (2012)
Thesis: University Students' Adoption and Utilization of social Networking Websites in Nigeria.
Thesis supervisor: Prof. W.M. Olatokun (Former Dean ARCIS, University of Ibadan).
- **Masters of Science Degree (M.Sc.) in Environmental Standards (Geographic and Environmental Systems Specialization)**, SPESSE University of Benin, Nigeria (2024-Till Present).
- **Bachelor of Technology Degree (B.Tech.) in Marine Technology**, Federal University of Technology Owerri, Nigeria (2001).
Thesis: Assessment of Port Performance Indicators in Nigerian Ports: A case Study of Onne Ultra-Modern Seaport, Nigeria.
Thesis Supervisor: Prof. I.C. Ogwude.
- **Certificate in Climate Change and Adaptation**, Ain Shams University Cairo, Egypt. 2022
Graduation Project: Climate Change and Floods Mitigation in Niger Delta Coastal Regions of Nigeria: Hazard- Dominant and the Behavioural Approaches.
Project Supervisor: Prof. Noha Donia.
- **Advanced Certificate in Procurement Management**, SPESSE University of Benin. 2024.
- **Advanced Diploma in Photography Engineering Practice**, Government Science & Technical College Benin, Nigeria. 2018.
- **Advanced Diploma in Electronics Engineering**, Government Science & Technical College Benin, Nigeria. 2019.

Professional Certificates & Associations

IT

- **Chartered Librarian, LRCN**, Nigeria (2016)
- **Certified Professional Engineer, NIPES**, (2019)
- **Certified Media and Information Literacy Professional MILO**, USA (2019)
- **Certified Media Practitioner**, UNESCO Global Media and Information Literacy Alliance (2019)
- **Certified Machine Learning Engineer (Nanodegree)**, AWS & UDACITY (2022)
- **Certified Cloud Practitioner**, AWS (2022)
- **Certified Python Programmer 1 & 2**, CISCO (2022)
- **Certified Cyber Security Pathway Professional**, CISCO (2022)

Business

- **Certified Business Enterprise Developer**, LAPO Institute (2020)
- **Certified Business Planner Mentor**, Tony Elumelu Foundation (TEF) (2021)
- **Certified Business Manager**, Tony Elumelu Foundation (TEF) (2022)

Project Based Training

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Machine Learning (ML) Scholarship Program** with AWS, INTEL and UDACITY (2022): In this programming I trained machine learning model using the required algorithms in the DeepRacer console to participate in the DeepRacer Superleague.
- **AI & Data with Microsoft (2022)**: I participated in the Microsoft build skill challenge specifically in AI & Data where I earned several badges.
- **Security Operations Analysis with Microsoft (2022)**: I participated in the Microsoft build skill challenge specifically in security operations analysis where I earned several badges.

WORK EXPERIENCE (INDUSTRY/ACADEMIC)

University of Benin (2015-Till Date)

- **Position:** Senior Academic Technologist/IT Specialist, CERHI, UNIBEN
- **Key Duties:** Maintain and develop network; support adherence to ICT policies, including those relating to safeguarding and internet usage; maintenance of ICT software, hardware and related equipment, and providing support to staff and students to ensure administration and learning outcomes are maximized. Contributing to the success of multiple world bank sponsored projects at CERHI, including building a functional stimulation laboratory, working on the international accreditation for the University of Benin and participating in the UBARD conferences. More so, playing a key role in the training of hundreds of students, ensuring smooth operations, and achieving organizational success.

University of Benin (2021-2023)

- **Position:** Lecturer, Library and Information Science Unit (Department of Educational Management), Faculty of Education, University of Benin.
- **Key Duties:**
- I currently teach Library Software (LIS 212), and Digital Technology in LIS (LIS 318).
- I taught and graded the following courses: Library automation (LIS 416), academic libraries, special libraries, and Information Centers (LIS 316). and technical operations in the library (LIS 314) in the 2019/2020 academic sessions.
- Provides supervision guidance to undergraduate students.
- Guides students on practical work.

University of Benin (2013-2017)

- **Position held:** Lecturer, Centre for ICT & Maritime Studies, University of Benin.
- **Key Duties:**
- Taught and graded the Introduction Port Operations (DMT 011) and Improving Port Performance (DMT 082).
- Provided supervision guidance to undergraduate students.
- Guided students on practical work.

Rich Heritage Technology, Ibadan 2004-2010

Network Administrator: responsible for maintain computer networks and solving any problems that may occur with them including installing and configuring computer network and systems.

- Develop and administer disaster recovery plans.
- Install wide range of network equipment
- Keep network infrastructure up-to-date and secured
- Write and maintain network security policies and monitor compliance
- Troubleshoot with staff and outside vendors to resolve complex problems
- Evaluated complex computer systems to assess vulnerability and risk

National Inland Water Ways Authority, Warri Dockyard, Effurun, 1998-1999

Position: Marine Engineering Officer (Intern)

As an intern I was exposed to the following on the job practical sessions:

Hydraulics/Hydrological Engineering:

- Acquisition and processing of hydrological data.
- Gauge installation and maintenance
- Design of hydraulic structures,
- Design of river improvement works; including River Training Works (RTW) and bank stabilization works,
- River flow measurement.

Capital and Maintenance Dredging

- Channel improvement
- Restoration of LAD and channel crossings

Sedimentological Studies

- Study of sediment sources and transport
- Study and survey of bank erosion

Morphological Studies

Observation and study of river development and behavior

Ports, Jetties and Ramp Developments.

Design, construction and maintenance of Ports, Jetties and Ferry Ramps facilities.

Project Management & Consultancy Services in relation to coastal shipping and transportation**Nigerian Ports Authority, Onne Port Complex, Onne Rivers State 2000-2001**

Position: Marine Officer (Intern)

As an intern I was exposed to the following on the job practical sessions in the Harbour, Traffic and Marketing Units of NPA:

Conservancy Services

- This is the routine maintenance of Channels carried out by Channel Management Companies.
- The Activities involved include dredging, wreck removal, provision of navigational aids and general channel management aimed at providing 24/7 safe and secured pilotage in all the Pilotage Districts.
- Quarterly Bathymetric Surveys for monitoring of siltation, dredging, wreck removal, provision of navigational aids etc.

Monitoring of Bunkering

- Ashore – Ship Agent makes application to Port Manager (PM)
- Commercial department raises Debit Note
- Ship Agent Makes payment
- PM on confirmation of payment gives approval to Ship Agent and copies Harbour
- Master/Traffic Manager, Security, Fire Service and Environment

Salvage and Rescue

- Any emergency situation is reported to the Harbour Master via Port control
- For immediate response, stating the nature of emergency by all Vessels.
- In case of oil Spillage, NPA's Pollution Control are contacted immediately on VHF 12, 14, and 16 or via Port Control on VHF 14. In case of any collision, loss of engine, steering problem, the pilot is advised on a safe anchoring position within the channel or request the assistance of Tugs.
- For Fire incident, Port Control should be contacted immediately for necessary advice or action.
- Ensuring Vessels should always have their anchors on standby when transiting the channels.

Mid-Stream operations

- Application for Mid-stream Operations is made to the Minister (FMOT). The FMOT forwards same to NPA for Technical/Safety Input.
- The Minister grants approval after receipt of NPA's input.
- Confirmation of payment of all relevant charges, including charges from stakeholders.

Ship-to-Ship/Ship-to-Rig Operations (STS/STR)

- Three (3) areas are earmarked for Ship-to-Ship/Ship-to-Rig Operations. These are Lagos, Bonny-Port Harcourt and Warri Pilotage Districts.

Anchorage

- Shipping Agent gets approval to berth vessel from the Port Manager.
- On Arrival of vessel, when there is No Berthing Prospect, the Master of Vessel notifies Port Control of proceeding to Anchorage Area to drop anchor.
- Anchorage position is communicated to the Signal Station for further directive from the Ship Agent.
- Due to low productivity at berth the vessel may be kicked out to Anchorage to allow another vessel to use berth.

Oil Terminal Dues (OTD) & Compulsory Pilotage Royalty (CPR)

Procedure

- NPA Environment Officers and appointed Agents monitor the lifting of crude Oil at Loading Terminals and transmit lifting information to NPA.
- OTD/CPR meetings are held monthly for reconciliation and billing purposes.
- NPA raises outstanding OTD/CPR bills and pass same to NPA's appointed Revenue Collection Agents

FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Consultant to SIAT Nig. Ltd, PRESCO Plc, Agri Palm Nig. Ltd and Okomu Oil Plc (2013-2017)

- **Position: Team lead**
- **Duties:** Performed social and economic impact assessments in over seventy (70) communities for the companies listed above
- Documented listed company's work in the field and in host communities through quality digital photos
- Created photo galleries on subject provided by the companies
- Provided advice on suitable outline (photo description) for photographs accompanying the various companies' stories

Azura Power West Africa Ltd Ihovbor, Uhumwode Local Government Area of Edo State, Nigeria (2013)

- **Position held: Team lead**
- **Duty:** Archaeological Reconnaissance of Ihovbor For Azura Power West Africa Ltd

Air Europe and Air Nigeria (2017)

- **Position:** Team Lead
- **Duties:** Sampling and Quantitative Enquiry on Asthma Prevalence Level in Nigeria by Air Nigeria Survey team, using ODK and KOBO mobile app questionnaire to elicit information from research participants.

Quality of Care Research Group (QCRG), Benin City, (2018)

- **Position:** Research Assistant
- **Duties:** Trained field assistants on the research activities of QCRG

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2017–2018 Social Convenor, Holy Trinity Grammar School Alumni Association 1993 set

2002–2003 Secretary, National Youth Service Corps Member, Ijero-Ekiti Ekiti State

1999-2001 National President, Kings Campus Fellowship Nigeria

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- **TeamX Global Initiative (TGI) 1995-Till Date**
- **Position:** President
- **Duties:** Receiving, handling and distributing aid to prisoners, hospital patients, rural dwellers and prisoners; volunteer aid tutorial teacher and counselor to young adults in rural areas of Edo State, Nigeria.

SKILLS

Software skills:

- **Geographic Information Systems (GIS):** ArcGIS (By Esri), QGIS (Open-Source), Google Earth Engine, MapInfo.

- **Remote Sensing Software:** ENVI (By Harris Geospatial), ERDAS Imagine.
- **Environmental Modeling and Simulation:** AnyLogic (Multi-Method Simulation), STELLA (For System Dynamics Modeling), MATLAB/Simulink (Numerical Computing and Simulation).
- **Environmental Data Management:** Aquarius (Water Data Management), EC-ORACLE (Air Quality Data), nVision (Environmental Management Information Systems).
- **Specialized Applications:**
Hydrology/Hydraulic Modeling: HEC-TAS, Mike by DHI, SWMM.
Forestry Management: NED-2, LANDIS-II.
Wildlife/Habitat Modeling: Marxan, ZONATION.
- **Data Analysis:** STATA, SPSS, NVivo, QDA Miner
- **Utility and Creative Design Applications:** Adobe CC Master collection
- **Broadcasting:** OBS
- **Programming/Coding Languages:** HTML, C, C ++, Python and Java
- **Operating Systems:** Linux (Ubuntu, Debian and Kali), Mac OS, Windows OS

Hardware skills:

- Computer Hardware Repairs
- Photography and Videography

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- **Godson E. Ilevbare, Uduak U. Enang, and Mercy E. Ukpanah (2022).** “Information scoping skills and the research output of academic librarians in South-South Geopolitical Zone of Nigeria”. *Library Philosophy and Practice* ISSN 1522-0222.
- **Godson E. Ilevbare (2022).** “Information planning skills and the research output of academic librarians in South-South Geopolitical Zone of Nigeria”. *Library Philosophy and Practice* ISSN 1522-0222.
- **Godson E. Ilevbare, Uduak U. Enang, and Mercy E. Ukpanah (2022).** “Information identification skills and the research output of academic librarians in South-South Geopolitical Zone of Nigeria”. *Ghana Library Journal*. Vol. 22 (2) p:176-189.
- **Godson E. Ilevbare (2019).** *Bridging the digital divide: the role of higher education institutions in getting Africa closer to the global information society*. Selected papers PP (123-138). Association of African Universities Conference of Rectors, Vice Chancellors & Presidents of African Universities. ISSN: 2704-4858. Theme: The role of higher education institutions in promoting the continental education strategy for Africa (CESA 16-25). Al-Azhar International Conference Centre Cairo, Egypt July 8-11 2019.
- **Wole Olatokun and Godson Ilevbare (2014).** “Probing University students’ Adoption and Utilization of Social Networking Websites”. *Annals of Library and Information Studies*, vol.61. pp. 15-23.

AWARDS

2020: Winner, Youth Hackathon on Disinfordemic organised by UNESCO, IBM, and the Peoples’ Republic of South Korea.

1987 Best graduating student of Obe Primary School, Sabongidda-Ora

CONFERENCES /WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- 2024** •Certificate of Participation in Economic and Social Dimensions in Procurement, University of Benin.
- 2024** • E-Library Management: Extending Modern Technology to Library: a Five-Day Course Organized by Centre for Public Service Productivity and Development Lagos State, Nigeria
- 2022** •Artificial Intelligence in Business Models – Applications and Research Directions
- 2022** •Fundamentals of modern data strategy on AWS, organised by Amazon Web Service
- 2022** •AWS Cloud Practitioner Essentials Day, organised by Amazon Web Service
- 2019** •Regional Workshop on Strengthening Innovation Ecosystems in Universities in West and Central Africa, CERHI, University of Benin.

- 2019** •Conference of Rectors, Vice Chancellors and Presidents of African Universities (COREVIP), *Al-Azhar University Conference Centre, Cairo, Egypt, July 8-11 2019.*
- 2018** •Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Framework in Nigeria: Building a Research Network to Explore Barriers, Prospects and Strategies, University of Benin, organised by sustainable development office University of Benin
- 2018** •Data Ethics and Skills for Reproduction of Research findings Using STATA, organised by Association of Africa Universities, Accra, Ghana.
- 2018** •Research Inception and training Workshop on IEC Development, Advocacy Materials and Data Collection Techniques, Quality of Care Research Group and CERHI, University of Benin
- 2017** •4th Mandatory Conference of Certified Librarians in Nigeria, Abuja, Nigeria, organised by Librarian Registration Council of Nigeria (LRCN).
- 2017** •Developing staff professionalism in the university system, organized by university of Benin in conjunction with the Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered)
- 2016** •2nd UBARD Conference 2016 Annual Research Day, University of Benin, organised University of Benin.
- 2016** •3rd Mandatory Conference of Certified Librarians in Nigeria, Abuja, Nigeria, organised by Librarian Registration Council of Nigeria (LRCN).
- HOBIES:** Watching of documentary movies, and news review, visiting leisure and recreation centres with friends, and playing table tennis.

REFERENCES:

Professor Ilevbare Femi M.

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Obafemi Awolowo University,
Ile-Ife,
Osun State.

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Department of Banking and Finance,
University of Benin,
Benin City, Edo State.