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CAREER OBJECTIVES

To contribute to the advancement of the maritime industry of the nation by offering my wealth of experience in National and International maritime sector. Also to bring about a positive change to the economic development of the nation through marine transportation.

DATE OF BIRTH: 24TH of December 1943

PLACE OF BIRTH: Mopa, in Mopamuro Local Government
Area of Kogi State

NATIONALITY: Nigerian

RELIGION: Christianity

EDUCATION

1963 – 1976

- After primary and college education in Nigeria,
- Attended King Edward the VII Nautical School in London for Pre-sae training from 1963 – 1964

- Attended all Maritime courses leading to Issuance of Class I Master Mariner Certificate of Competence in Liverpool
- Practical Sea Training with Elder Depster Line, 1963 -1968 and National Shipping Line in 1884

CONTRIBUTION TO REGIONAL AND NATIONAL MARITIME INDUSTRY

Involved in project on advancement of regional and national maritime sector as:

- (1) One of the pioneers of studies relating to the formation of Regional Coastal Services in West and Central Africa
- (2) A facilitator during the International Maritime Organization (IMO) preparatory meetings on the establishment of Port State Control for West and Central African in 1996.
- (3) Facilitator for the establishment of African Maritime Pilots Association in Dakar, Senegal 2010
- (4) Organised African Manning and Training Conference in Abuja 2005 and Ghana 2009.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Class 1 (Master Mariner) Certificate of Competence – 1976
2. Diploma in International Labour Organization (ILO) Port Workers Development Programme - 2003.

WORK EXPERIENCE

1. MARCH 1969 – MAY 1970 **Assistant Traffic Officer** with Nigerian Ports Authority.
2. 1970 – 1980 served with Nigerian National Shipping Line (NNSL) as **Navigating Officer onboard their various cargo ships. As Third Officer, Second Officer and chief officer**
3. 1980 – 1984 served as **Master** on various types of Foreign Going Vessels with NNSL.
4. JUNE 1984 – 1986 joined NNSL shore establishment as Assistant Marine Superintendent.
5. JUNE 1986 – APRIL 1987 **Promoted Marine Superintendent** (NNSL)

6. 1987 – JUNE 1990 **Assistant Director Operations** (Ocean Traffic Controller)
7. JUNAURY 1990 – JUNE 1990 **Acting Director of Technical**
8. JULY 1990 – AUGUST 1990 **Acting Managing Director NNSL**
9. AUGUST 1990 – JULY 1992 appointed **Trade Director** of United Kingdom West African Conference Lines (UKWAL) Joint Service
10. 1992 – Voluntary retirement from Nigerian National Shipping Line
11. JULY 1992 to 2001 – **Chief Executive/ Managing Director** East West Coast Marine Services Limited – A maritime firm engaged in shipping, agency, consultancy and international ship chandling.
12. From 2001 to date Lead Consultant – African Maritime Consultants.
13. Director African Maritime Events

NATIONAL CONSULTANCY ACTIVITIES

1. **Consultant** to Maritime Academy of Nigeria ORON 2001 – 2002.
2. **Consultant** to National Maritime Authority (NMA) now Nigerian Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) – on establishment of Port State Control 1997
3. **Consultant** to Nigeria Port Authority on Maritime training from 2002 – 2007
4. **Consultant** to Nigerian Telecommunication Limited on the Safety of Submarine Cables.
5. **Consultant** to the defunct Joint Maritime Labour Industrial Council (JOMALIC) on Regulation of Seafarers
6. **Member, Ministerial Special Task Force** for Nigeria’s enlistment on International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) “White List” and implementation of Standard of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping (STCW ’95) in 2001.

7. **Consultant** to River States Government on establishment of Maritime Survival Training Centre in conjunction with South Africa partner 2004 – 2006.
8. **Consultant** to Yaba College of Technology on establishment of training centre – 1996 up to date.
9. **Brief Consultancy** for Senate Committee on Maritime Transportation in 2004.
10. Presently, **Consulting** for Yaba College of Technology on the establishment of Maritime Training School
11. **Television Analyst** on various subject of interest in Nigerian maritime sector
12. **Resource Person** at various International, Regional and National Maritime fora
13. **Adviser** to National Council of Privatisation on Reform of National Inland Waterways
14. **Training Consultant** to Lagos Channel Management and Landfall Towage Nigeria Limited
15. **Chairman Technical Committee** – Nigerian Association of Master Mariners (NAMM)

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES AS CONSULTANT

1. **Consultant/ Expert** to Maritime Organization of West and Central Africa 1995 – 2001
2. **Consultant** to Port Management Association for West and Central Africa (PMAWCA) on maritime security 2002 – 2004.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES AS CONSULTANTS/ EXPERT

1. **World Bank Expert** at the shipping conference in Accra, Ghana 1996
2. **World Bank Expert** at the second round table conference. Chairman of Committee on formulation of Maritime Policy for West and Central Africa held in contonu republic of Benin 1997
3. **International Maritime Organization (IMO) Consultant** on Maritime Security – Implementation of ISPS Code.
Carry out Port Security facilities assessment in all ports of Kenya, Tanzania and Zanzibar, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana and Nigeria.

PAPERS PRESENTATION

Presented technical papers relating to Regional and Nigerian maritime sector.

1. “Mandatory Requirement of International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code under the Provision of Chapter XI – 2 of International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1972 as amended”.
2. “Port Facility Security Assessment – Nigerian Factor”
3. “International Conference on Navigation Activities in the Niger River Basin with the West and Centre African Sub-region”.
4. “Merchant Navy Training in Nigeria A Cause for Concern”
5. “Defining and evaluating the Role of Shipping as an essential Infrastructure facility in Nigeria’s National Economic Development”.
6. “How are the African Ports Getting Read to Implement the ISPS Code: - A Case Study of Nigerian Ports”.
7. “Port State Control – Ship-owner Perspective”.
8. “The New Role of Marine Department Under Private Terminal Operators”
9. “Professionalism is the Answer to Success in Port Management”
10. “Hydro-graphic Services and the Promulgation of Navigational Information”.
11. “The Role of Maritime Labour Security”
12. “Tugs and Tug Master”
13. “Marine Department of Public Operated Port and Challenges in the face of Port Concession”.
14. “Pilot age in Nigerian Waters”
15. “Shipment of Cargo within Economic Community of West African States” and

16. Many more other

RESEARCH WORK

1. Federal Urban Mass Transportation – Ferry Operations
2. Lagos State – Ferry Services
3. Operational Activities of Inland Waterways Transportation – from South to North riverrine areas

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Member – Nigerian Association of Master Mariners

Member – International Federation of Ship Masters' Association

HOBBIES

Travelling

Married with children and grand children