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Technology lawyer, AI governance expert and researcher

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PROFILE

I have spent more than 15 years turning law, policy and evidence into things organisations can actually use. Trained as a lawyer in Nigeria, I have built and led functions from scratch for governments, donors and companies: a knowledge management function on an FCDO programme in Abuja, a procurement transparency unit for Ekiti State, a learning and research centre at Tostan, and today the AI risk, model and policy libraries at Saidot, with a team of five. I have run AI readiness and regulatory-gap assessments in Ghana, Rwanda, Azerbaijan and the EU.

BOARDS

Advisory Board Member, Digital Democracy Initiative (Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs)	Since Jan 2024
Board Member, TechHerNG (Tech Project Women's Initiative)	Current
Chair, Information Security, Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, Airvend Ltd board	Current

EXPERIENCE

Product Manager, Model, Risk, Policy and Product Libraries Saidot Ltd, Helsinki, Finland	Nov 2025 – present
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- Lead four libraries covering 400+ AI risks and 200+ AI models and products, used across Saidot's client base of AI deployers; manage five direct reports.
- Own the pipeline that turns provider documentation, new model releases, EU AI Act and other regulatory changes into client-ready material, with quality gates and release timelines agreed across Policy, Research, Engineering and Customer Success.

AI Ethics and Governance Consultant Saidot Ltd, Helsinki, Finland	Jun 2022 – Oct 2025
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- Led AI landscape, readiness and regulatory-gap assessments across the EU, Ghana, Rwanda and Azerbaijan with a team of three consultants, on engagements worth hundreds of thousands of euros.
- Built the Product and Model Policy Library from early versions into a tool used by AI deployers and regulators.

Digital Citizen Consent Lead World Bank Rapid Technical Assistance Facility (EUR 5.25M), Baku, Azerbaijan	Sep 2023 – Jan 2024
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- Led the Digital Citizen Consent workstream for the Government of Azerbaijan: workshops, policy toolkits, readiness scorecards and fundamental rights impact assessments supporting a decision on public-private data sharing for digital public services.

Lead, Centre for Learning and Research Tostan, West Africa	2023
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- Built the centre from scratch on a USD 100,000 annual budget; created a community of practice of 312+ experts across 53 countries and set up the Cheikh Anta Diop youth fellowship.

Knowledge Management and Communications Advisor CARE USA, Global Advocacy, Washington DC (remote)	May 2021 – May 2022
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- Secured USD 2M by turning research into evidence-led advocacy across 17 countries, on projects funded by Meta, the UN and ITU; set knowledge standards and ran data validation workshops in 17 country offices.

Open Contracting and Procurement Governance Consultant Open Contracting Partnership, Ekiti State, Nigeria	2020 – 2023
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- Designed and led a procurement transparency unit on a USD 2.5M project across 17 local government areas for the Bureau of Public Procurement; grew it from 15 to 25 staff and trained the full team.

Knowledge Management Advisor, Policy Development Facility FCDO (DFID), delivered by DAI, Abuja, Nigeria	Dec 2018 – Feb 2021
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- Designed and institutionalised the programme's knowledge management strategy and built the team; reviewed 112 consultant reports, ran 26 case and tracer studies and built an evidence portal of 1,000+ policy outputs.

Programme and Policy Lead

2017 – 2018

Ministry of Mines and Steel Development, Abuja, Nigeria

- Built the knowledge management strategy and M&E framework for the national mining roadmap; coordinated roughly USD 500,000 in World Bank, UNDP and OSIWA grants.

Earlier legal and public sector roles

2010 – 2017

Nigeria

- Registrar and Head of Legal, Lead British International School (2014 – 2017); Special Advisor on Legal and Public Affairs, Federal Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (2011 – 2013); Junior Partner and Head of IT Law, Borders Law Firm, advising on ICT-sector regulation and licensing (2010 – 2014).

RESEARCH AND FELLOWSHIPS

Doctoral Researcher, ADAPT Centre, Trinity College Dublin

Mar 2025 – present

PhD in Computer Science on platform accountability. Published the TfGBV-Grok-NCII dataset (565+ documented instances of AI-generated non-consensual intimate imagery), which prompted regulatory responses across six jurisdictions.

Guest Researcher, Interaction Design Lab, Computer Science and Engineering, Chalmers University of Technology

Current

Children's rights, data and the design of connected technology.

Fellow, ICDE, The New School

2026 – 2027

Affiliate, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University

2020 – 2025

SELECTED WRITING AND TRAINING

- “Digital Surveillance in Nigeria,” in T. Roberts and A. Mare (eds), *Digital Surveillance in Africa: Power, Agency, and Rights* (Zed Books / Bloomsbury, 2025).
- Opinion, *The Guardian*, 14 Jan 2026; article, *The Conversation*, 9 Mar 2026.
- Trained 45 regulators in Kigali on ethical AI frameworks for GIZ Rwanda (2022).

EDUCATION

PhD Computer Science, Trinity College Dublin

in progress

PGCert Statistics and Data Science, Trinity College Dublin

2025

MA Digital Media and Communication, Teesside University, UK

2023

MSc International Affairs, University of York, UK

2020

LL.M Intellectual Property and Technology Law, University of Liverpool, UK

2015

Barrister and Solicitor (B.L.), Nigerian Law School

2008

LL.B Law, Abia State University, Nigeria

2007

LANGUAGES

English and Igbo (fluent) · Swedish (B1) · French (A2)