

Testimony Asiagwu

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Robotics4kids Africa STEM Initiative

Team Lead

Asaba, Nigeria

Sep 2019-Present
(3 years, 1 month)

- i. Responsible for planning and providing direction for the operations and programs.
- ii. Engages stakeholders locally and international to build sustainable collaboration and partnerships.
- iii. Coordinates the development and implementation of digitally transferable skills.
- Please visit: <https://robotics4kids.bigtinfectechsolutions.com/>

BIGT Infotech Solutions Limited

Executive Director

Asaba, Nigeria

Feb 2017-Present
(5 years, 8 months)

- i. Responsible for planning and providing direction for the organization.
- ii. Manages the overall operations and resources of the organization.
- iii. Develops high-quality business strategies and plans that align with the organization's vision, mission, and core values.
- Please, visit: <https://bigtinfectechsolutions.com/>

NIIT Asaba

Training Facilitator

Asaba, Nigeria

Sep 2015-Oct 2016
(1 year, 1 month)

- i. Responsible for training over 80 young adults in Website Design and Development skills, JAVA, Python programming, AutoCAD (2D/3D) and basic computer appreciation.
- ii. Participated in corporate marketing meetings for the organization.
- iii. Ensured operational activities were carried out according to the organisation's short and long-term goals.

Classic System Infotech Limited

Training Facilitator

Ile-Ife, Nigeria

Jun 2014-Aug 2015
(1 year, 3 months)

- i. Responsible for managing the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital Complex (OAUTHC) branch.
- ii. Facilitated training for over 100 young adults in digital skills.
- iii. Ensured operational activities were carried out according to the organisation's short and long-term goals.

Nigerian National Petroleum Cooperation (NNPC)

Industrial Trainee

Warri, Nigeria

Mar 2012-Aug 2012
(6 months)

- i. Participated in the Fluid Catalytic Cracking (FCC) unit operations.
- ii. Held fort for operators in case of emergencies (ICE).
- iii. Responsible for housekeeping activities in the plant.

Centre for Energy Research and Development (CERD) May 2011-Aug 2011
Research Intern (4 months)
Ile-Ife, Nigeria

- i. Responsible for acquiring biometric data for analytical purposes.
- ii. Participated in the CERD Energy consumption review project.

EDUCATION

Quantic School of Business and Technology, U.S.A. Jul 2020-Aug 2021
Washington, D.C., United States (1 year, 2 months)
M.B.A., Business Administration
Awarded a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree after duly completing a Capstone project and presentation on Pods Financials. Pod Financials is a Fintech Start-up with a vision to build Africa's digital closed-loop ecosystem.

Obafemi Awolowo University Feb 2008-Mar 2014
Ile-Ife, Nigeria (6 years, 2 months)
B.S., Chemical Engineering
Wrote a thesis on "The Production and Manufacture of Soda Ash (NaCO) from Trona Ore". This project and thesis were supervised by Professor A.N. Anozie.

Classic Systems Infotech May 2006-Nov 2007
Ile-Ife, Nigeria (1 year, 7 months)
Certificate, Computer Science Diploma
Awarded a Certificate Diploma in Computer Science. Classic Systems Infotech Limited is affiliated with the Federal University of Technology, Akure.

Adepetu Comprehensive College Jan 2002-Jun 2005
Ile-Ife, Nigeria (3 years, 6 months)
Certificate, Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination (SSCE)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

Africa Union School on Internet Governance Sep 2021-Oct 2021
(2 months)
Completed a Moodle training on Internet Governance delivered by the Policy and Regulation Initiative for the Digital Africa project (PRIDA) in partnership with the African Union.

Certificate of Continuing Professional Development Jan 2021
(1 month)
Participated in the BettFest main stage virtual session. BettFest is organised by the Bett U.K. Bett is the global community for education technology.

GESS Leader in Education | Dubai, United Arab Emirates Feb 2020
(1 month)

Participated in special education training and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) verified certificates for leaders in education from developing countries in Africa at the annual Global Education Supplies and Solutions Summit (GESS) Dubai, UAE.

Business and Entrepreneurship Training for Emerging Leaders | Port Harcourt, Nigeria Apr 2018
(1 month)

Participated in a 2-day Conference for Emerging Entrepreneurs (CEE) training with mentorship by The Field of Skills and Dreams (FSD) in partnership with the U.S. Consulate Lagos, Nigeria.

Project Management Professional training | Ile-Ife, Nigeria Apr 2012-May 2012
(2 months)

Participated in a one-month project management professional training organised and sponsored by Diamond Bank Plc. Ile-Ife, for graduates of Obafemi Awolowo University.

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER WORK

Mega Impact Foundation Oct 2021-Present
Asaba, Nigeria (1 year)

Testimony volunteers as a mentor for the foundation's "Boy Power Project". The Boy Power Project aims to empower vulnerable teenage boys in high schools across the Niger Delta region through digital skills training, oratory competitions and mentorship programs. Testimony has mentored over 50 boys aged 13-19 since 2021.

Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife Alumni Association, Asaba branch Jul 2018-Present
Asaba, Nigeria (4 years, 3 months)

Testimony is a committed member of the Great Ife Alumni Association, Asaba branch. He volunteers in several capacities, including technical support for the association's meetings, outreaches, and events.

YALI Delta Network Sep 2017-Present
Asaba, Nigeria (5 years, 1 month)

Testimony is the pioneer Deputy coordinator for the YALI Delta Network. He volunteers monthly and collaborates with members for social events and community projects. Since 2020, his Robotics4kids STEM innovation hub has been the venue for members' monthly face2face meetings.

TEDx Opkanam May 2022-Jul 2022
Opkanam, Asaba, Nigeria (3 months)

Volunteered for the first-ever TEDx event in Opkanam. TEDx is an independently organised TED event.

Asaba Home-Disapora Development Initiative (AHDDI) Mar 2018-Dec 2019
Asaba, Nigeria (1 year, 10 months)

Volunteered to train and mentor 30 unemployed vulnerable youths in digital skills. Trainees were empowered with starter packs and financial aid, courtesy of AHDDI, to enable them to set up businesses within their community.

AWARDS, HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS

Special Prize for Leadership Award Dec 2021
Young African Leaders Initiative Network (YALI), Delta State.

Award in recognition of his exceptional leadership skills and unequalled contribution to the growth of YALI Network, Delta State. Testimony was awarded the Special prize for Leadership in the most supportive YALI Alumni category.

Future of Work Summit Impact Award

May 2021

Steering for Greatness Foundation

Awarded the "Future of Work Summit Impact Award" at the Alternative Education Models virtual event - organized by the Steering for Greatness Foundation in Lagos, Nigeria.

Executive MBA Scholarship Award

Jul 2020

Quantic School of Business and Technology, U.S.A.

Testimony was accepted into the Quantic Executive Master's in Business Administration Class of June 2020 in the full scholarship category after thousands of applications to the degree program from over 60 countries.

Education Award for Community Citizenship

Feb 2020

GESS Education Awards

Emerged as a finalist at the largest education awards in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region by the Global Education Supplies and Solutions (GESS) in the category of "Award for Community Citizenship" sponsored by Follett Corporation, U.S.A. For a list of the finalists, please visit: <https://www.gessawards.com/gess-education-awards-2020-finalists>.

Leader and Mentor Award

Oct 2019

Field of Skills and Dreams Limited - sponsored by the U.S. Consulate, Lagos.

Testimony received a "Leader and Mentor" Award at the Conference for Emerging Entrepreneurs (CEE) in Port Harcourt, organized by the Field of Skills and Dreams (FSD) and sponsored by the U.S. Consulate, Lagos.

Young African Innovation Fund (YAIF) Grant Award

Aug 2019

YALI Regional Leadership Centre Accra in partnership with USAID.

Emerged winner of the Alumni Young African Innovation Fund (YAIF) Grant Award second call by the YALI Regional Leadership Centre, Accra. The YAIF award is sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in partnership with the YALI regional leadership centre. For a list of the winners, please visit: <https://meetalumni.yaliwestafrica.org/e/yali-alumniinnovation-fund-yaif-2nd-call-winners>

NYSC State Honours Award

Jun 2017

National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), Anambra State

In appreciation for his exemplary role in leadership and representing corps members serving in the Onitsha South Local Government Council Area of Anambra state, Testimony received the NYSC state Honours Award.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Languages:

- English (Native speaker)
- Igbo (Mother tongue)
- Yoruba (Native speaker)

Software:

- Adobe Creative Suite (Full proficiency)
- Amazon Web Services (Limited proficiency)
- Autodesk AutoCAD (Full proficiency)
- Database Management and Analysis (Full proficiency)
- Microsoft Office Suite (Full proficiency)
- Microsoft .NET framework (Full Proficiency)
- JAVA, Python Programming (Intermediate proficiency)
- Social Media management and Digital branding (Full proficiency)
- Website Design and Development (Full proficiency)

PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND NOTABLE PRESENTATIONS

1. Asiagwu, Testimony, "The Development of STEM Education in Nigeria" (PowerPoint presentation, Global Education Supplies and Solutions Summit (GESS) Dubai, United Arab Emirates, February 27, 2020).
2. Asiagwu, Testimony, "The Development of STEM Education in West Africa - a case study of Nigeria" (PowerPoint presentation, Global Education Supplies and Solutions Summit (GESS) Lagos, Nigeria, October 30, 2019). <https://www.gessleaders.com/gessleaders-education-summit-nigeria-speakers/>
3. Asiagwu, Testimony. "The Future of ICT in Nigeria." Asaba Home-Diaspora Development Initiative, 2nd edition (Dec. 2018): pg.11. Project Train2XL.

ASSOCIATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

1. Member, Meta Boost Leaders Network Africa - July 2022.
The Meta Boost Network is an exclusive group that brings African business leaders together with the support of Meta. For details, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LeadersNetworkAfrica>
2. Member, Internet Society of Nigeria - October 2021.
3. Delta State Girl Child Empowerment Office - Training partner, August 2021.
The Delta State government, through the office of the Girl Child Empowerment, partnered with BIGT Infotech Solutions Limited to implement training for 40 vulnerable young girls across the 25 local government areas of Delta state. For details, please visit: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CXajR4mMS94/>
5. Technology partner, Bett show conference London - June 2021.
Bett is the global community for education technology, driving impact and improving outcomes for teachers and learners. For details, please visit: <https://cutt.ly/DCnwD60>
6. Ex-officio and member, YALI Delta Network - July 2019.
7. Member, YALI Regional Leadership Centre Alumni Network, Nigeria - August 2018.
Testimony is an active member of the YALI RLC alumni network in Nigeria. He was part of the electoral committee during the immediate past National General Alumni elections.