

IKE FESTUS CHIDI

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IT & MARITIME SPECIALIST

Accomplished maritime and IT specialist with a track record of optimizing maritime operations through innovative IT solutions. Proficient in managing IT budgets to drive cost-effective technology implementations. Proven expertise in integrating cutting-edge technology systems to enhance vessel performance, safety, and compliance. Adept at developing and executing strategic IT plans tailored to maritime industry needs. Skilled in cybersecurity, data management, and maritime software applications. Exceptional problem solver with a focus on minimizing downtime and maximizing efficiency. Committed to ensuring maritime businesses stay at the forefront of technology, driving operational excellence and regulatory compliance.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Maritime Safety & Security
- Budget Management
- Crisis Management
- Data Management
- Effective Communication
- Maritime Technology
- Regulatory Compliance
- Environmental Protection
- Incident Investigation
- Team Leadership
- Navigation & Vessel Operations
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Performance Management
- Risk Assessment & Mitigation
- Emergency Response Planning

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Demonstrated a strong commitment to safety and security by implementing and continuously improving safety protocols, resulting in zero major incidents or security breaches during tenure.
- Played a key role in optimizing vessel operations, leading to increased efficiency and cost savings, while maintaining compliance with industry regulations and standards.
- Successfully managed and resolved critical situations, such as weather-related challenges, equipment malfunctions, and crew emergencies, ensuring minimal disruptions to vessel schedules and cargo delivery.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NLNG Shipping Management and Maritime Services (NSML) | 2017 – Present

Shipping Operator/Safety and Security Representative

- Spearhead safety and security initiatives, reducing incidents by 30% consistently for 3 years, and ensuring compliance with international maritime security standards.
- Collaborate with the safety and environmental teams to develop and implement safety policies, procedures, and training programs.
- Act as the primary liaison with government security agencies and law enforcement, ensuring seamless collaboration and adherence to regulatory requirements.
- Manage IT infrastructure, including servers, network devices, and workstations, to ensure optimal performance and security.
- Successfully manage an annual IT budget of NGN 10 million optimizing resource allocation, ensuring cost-effective IT solutions, and reducing operational costs by 40% while maintaining high security standards.
- Coordinate emergency response exercises, drills, and simulations to prepare the crew for various scenarios, resulting in enhanced preparedness.
- Oversee the installation and maintenance of state-of-the-art security equipment and technology on vessels, leading to a significant improvement in vessel security.
- Implemented a comprehensive security awareness training program for crew members, resulting in a 28% reduction in security breaches.

Gulf Agency & Shipping | October 2015 – April 2018

Information Officer

- Managed and enhanced an extensive database that encompassed shipping schedules, cargo tracking, vessel details, and customer records.
- Demonstrated a remarkable ability to build fruitful collaborations with various departments, resulting in the consistent delivery of accurate and up-to-date information to both internal and external stakeholders.
- Spearheaded the implementation of robust data quality control procedures, resulting in a substantial reduction in errors and the strengthening of data integrity.
- Accomplished the generation of insightful reports and conducted in-depth analysis of shipping data, leading to operational optimization and enhancements in customer service.
- Successfully facilitated seamless communication between the agency and clients by providing real-time updates on shipments, delays, and other pertinent information.
- Played a pivotal role in coordinating efforts with IT and software development teams to elevate the agency's information systems and tools, ensuring their continuous improvement and increased effectiveness.

Shell Shipping Management Limited | February 2011 – November 2016

Student Intern

- Assisted in monitoring vessel movements and cargo operations to ensure compliance with safety and environmental regulations.
- Collaborated with senior analysts to analyze shipping data and provided insights to improve operational efficiency.
- Participated in safety audits and inspections, contributing to the enhancement of safety protocols.
- Conducted market research to support decision-making in chartering and procurement activities.
- Assisted in the preparation of reports for internal and external stakeholders, summarizing key performance indicators and operational trends.
- Attended industry events and conferences to stay updated on the latest developments in the shipping sector.

EDUCATION

2016 – 2021: Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Imo state, Nigeria- B.Tech., Maritime Management Technology.

2003 – 2009: Community Secondary School Orogwe, Imo State, Nigeria- Senior Secondary Certificate Examination (SSCE)

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT)

TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY

Vessel Traffic Management Systems (VTMS)

Fleet Management Software

Marine GIS (Geographic Information Systems)

Weather Forecasting and Oceanographic Software