



I was born in Lagos, Nigeria. I obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics for Covenant University, Nigeria in 2010. At the time, my thesis, ‘*Comparative Analysis of Agricultural Growth Experience in Nigeria and China using Johansen Vector Autoregressive Model*’, was shortlisted as a top thesis in the Department of Economics and Development Studies.

I have since worked as an investment professional and started the journey to become a CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) Charterholder (passed two out of three exam stages).

I became interested in development economics in my sophomore year; easily connecting the theories of global poverty and inequality to my experiences growing up in Lagos, Nigeria. While my journey into private sector employment was to build capacity for future public service, I have seen the development impact of enterprise firsthand; this has shaped my professional interests.

Multifaceted roles at an energy-focused boutique investment firm in Nigeria where I have worked for about six years have been both demanding and rewarding. Over the past four years, I have actively worked on capital raising efforts to secure private equity commitments for mid-sized investments across the energy value chain in West & Central Africa; with a focus on Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. A core event in this process has been meeting with potential investors including development finance institutions, funds of funds and other institutional investors at investor conferences in Lagos, London, Addis Ababa and Abidjan to present the investment thesis.

My interest in policy has also been piqued by participating in the Nigerian power privatization process from the perspective of a financial advisor to potential investors and developing/executing a start-up business plan with a Canadian Joint Venture partner.

My planned area of concentration at SAIS is African Studies with a specialization in infrastructure finance and policy and an international development minor. My academic and extracurricular interests include emerging markets, capital raising, investment appraisal, financial modeling, entrepreneurship, project finance and environmental, social and governance (ESG) management.

I am preparing for an immediate career in impact investing and public service opportunities.

I speak English fluently and have working knowledge of Yoruba (a Nigerian language). I have some knowledge of French and look forward to significantly increase my proficiency in the language during my time at SAIS.