

African Marine Environment Sustainability Initiative (AFMESI)

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AFMESI CORPORATE PROFILE

African Marine Environment Sustainability Initiative

Empowering Africa's Blue Future

About AFMESI

The **African Marine Environment Sustainability Initiative (AFMESI)** is a pan-African non-governmental Organization dedicated to the protection, restoration, and sustainable utilization of Africa's marine and coastal ecosystems. With a pan-African vision, AFMESI drives impactful initiatives that promote **sustainable ocean governance**, climate-resilient livelihoods, and the inclusive growth of the **blue economy** across the African continent.

Founded by **Dr. Felicia Chinwe Mogo**, a globally recognized marine environment expert and Blue Economy thought leader, AFMESI operates at the critical intersection of **science, policy, and community engagement**. The organization leverages decades of experience in regulatory frameworks, environmental sustainability, and multilateral collaboration to influence transformative change in ocean and coastal management in Africa.

AFMESI is actively engaged in advancing the objectives of the **UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development**, the **IMO GHG Strategy**, and the **African Union Blue Economy Strategy**, serving as a bridge between global sustainability goals and grassroots action.

VISION: AFMESI as a Leader in knowledge, empowering Africa and its people to safeguard the ocean ecosystem and to fully harness the socioeconomic opportunities of the Blue Economy

MISSION: AFMESI, as a leader in providing Government, public agencies and maritime industries with a wide range of advisory, economic development and research services that inform policy-making regulations and sustainable management and growth of Africa's marine resources. AFMESI, undertakes, coordinates and promotes partnerships and engagements. Our mission is underpinned by a comprehensive **five-year strategic plan** that focuses on **five key pillars: engagements and relationships, science and research, advocacy and implementation, communication, and fundraising and organizational foundation**

Administrative arrangement: AFMESI is run by a dedicated Office team, and led by a diverse team of maritime experts representing different African countries. The Advisory Council, comprised of esteemed individuals with a wealth of knowledge and expertise, play a crucial role in providing expert advice, strategic input, and guidance to advance our mission and vision. The Think –Tank Team, who come from various parts of Africa, bring enthusiasm and diverse skills to support our initiatives. They actively

participate in field research, organize awareness campaigns, fundraising, and provide administrative support, thereby driving our mission forward.

Our Value Proposition

AFMESI delivers **African-centered and context-specific solutions** that unlock the full potential of the continent's blue economy while safeguarding ecological integrity and enhancing community well-being. With strong technical depth, policy expertise, and a community-first approach, AFMESI champions marine sustainability that is inclusive, equitable, and climate-smart.

We work across government, civil society, academia, and the private sector to co-create locally driven models that align with global marine sustainability frameworks and respond directly to Africa's evolving ocean challenges.

Core Service Offerings

1. Policy & Regulatory Advisory

- Development and harmonization of blue economy policies across national and regional levels
- Technical assistance for **Marine Spatial Planning (MSP)** and **Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)** frameworks
- Legal gap analysis, compliance mapping, and advisory on ratification of international conventions
- Strategic guidance for the operationalization of **climate-smart regulatory regimes**

2. Empowerment Programs, Capacity Building & Training

- Custom training on ocean governance, sustainable fisheries, and marine pollution control
- Empowerment of **women, youth, and marginalized communities** in blue entrepreneurship and ocean innovation
- Development of **climate-resilient coastal livelihoods**, including eco-tourism, artisanal fisheries, and mangrove-based enterprises
- Certification programs in **marine safety, environmental management**, and maritime standards

3. Research & Knowledge Services

- Applied research on marine pollution, coastal ecosystem resilience, and socio-economic trends in blue economy sectors
- Production of evidence-based **policy briefs, technical toolkits, case studies**, and scientific publications
- Baseline surveys, diagnostics, and **impact assessments** for marine and coastal development projects

4. Stakeholder Engagement & Community Support

- Facilitation of participatory dialogues with coastal communities to ensure **inclusive marine governance**
- Co-creation of marine conservation strategies with local actors and indigenous knowledge holders
- Development of **social inclusion strategies** to empower vulnerable groups and foster stewardship

- Engagement with **traditional institutions, youth networks**, and civil society to drive behavioral change

5. Technical Support in Project Implementation

- Full-cycle technical support for **donor-funded marine and coastal projects**
- Development of monitoring tools and sustainability indicators
- Delivery of **Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL)** frameworks to guide adaptive implementation
- Integration of innovation, nature-based solutions, and green finance into project design

Who We Work With

AFMESI collaborates with a broad range of stakeholders, including:

- **African national governments and regional economic communities (RECs)**
- **International organizations and development partners** (e.g., UNEP, IOC-UNESCO, IMO, World Bank)
- **Universities, marine research institutes**, and technical think tanks
- **Civil society organizations, youth movements, and women's networks**
- **Private sector stakeholders** across shipping, ports, offshore energy, fisheries, tourism, and waste management

Why Partner with AFMESI?

- **Proven African leadership and grassroots reach** across coastal zones
- A **multidisciplinary team of experts** in marine science, policy, ecology, climate change, law, and community development
- Strong track record in **international advocacy**, regulatory reform, and project implementation
- Trusted by both **governments and communities**, with expansive networks and enduring partnerships
- Commitment to **innovation, equity, and sustainability** in all aspects of marine and blue economy development

OUR PARTNERS



AFMESI CORE BUSINESS

AFMESI is renowned, pan-African, non-governmental organization (NGO) that was established in 2015 to support the protection and restoration of marine ecosystems and the development of the Blue Economy sectors across the African continent. Headquartered in Lagos, Nigeria, AFMESI has continued to build knowledge, benchmarks and catalyze pan-African and international collaborations aimed at protecting and restoring Africa's marine ecosystems towards sustainable Blue Economy. The Founder and President of AFMESI, Dr. Felicia Chinwe Mogo is a well-known global leader with over 36 years of experience in the Environment and Blue Economy sectors.

AFMESI draws attention to the sustainable Blue Economy ideology (wealth creation from the marine environment including the rivers, dams and underground waters, wet lands with utmost respect for the environment). AFMESI is officially accredited by the Federal Ministry of Environment in Nigeria.

AFMESI has become a trusted global brand to partner with when it comes to Blue Economy implementation amongst others. Its mission is to achieve total sensitization of people, organizations, groups, governments among others in Africa towards achieving sustainable utilization of the marine environment and its resources.

AFMESI specializes in the application of participatory methodologies and processes in coastal communities, adapting global theories and approaches to the local context and actors through the design and execution of feasibility studies, sectoral strategic roadmaps, promoting the participation of the quadruple helix (academic, social, public, and private sector) and integrating impact assessment analysis, engagements, consistently demonstrating a commitment to promoting sustainability, inclusivity, and responsible practices in the marine and coastal sectors.

AFMESI's international appreciation, in the sector speaks to its ability to adapt to evolving trends, regulations, technologies, staying up to date with the latest developments in sustainable resource management and leveraging its expertise to provide innovative solutions and strategic guidance to clients. The established presence in the field is a testament to the organization's professionalism, expertise, and ability to deliver results. Overall, the Organisation's core business focus, combined with its years of experience, it a qualified and trusted partner in supporting co-management initiatives and promoting sustainable and inclusive management of marine and coastal resources.

QUALIFICATION IN THE FIELD

AFMESI has extensive experience in the design of capacity-building and innovation programs and the design of public policies aimed at promoting local economic development and technological modernization, where public-private cooperation is the basis for growth by integrating scientific capabilities, technical and social that facilitate the creation, transmission, dissemination, measurement and management of knowledge and its application to productive activities. AFMESI has the history of projects based on the design of strategies and participatory processes for the identification and involvement public-private alliances between organizations, companies, public administrations, non-governmental actors, in order to create a framework for business development, social cohesion, development cooperation, etc., and to design specific impact measurement methodologies.

We have also designed and implemented training and training programs in different areas and have relevant experience in promoting public and private alliances at the local and national level as an opportunity for economic diversification and sustainable development of projects.

TECHNICAL AND MANAGERIAL CAPABILITIES OF THE AFMESI

AFMESI designs specific methodologies for each project, adopting an integrated approach to situation analysis that brings together the environmental, social, cultural, economic and political aspects of the project and combines scientific and documentary analysis with the establishment and promotion of spaces for participation and coordination between actors from the private, social, academic and governmental sectors in all phases of the work, from diagnosis to evaluation. These capabilities include:

Technical Expertise: The Organization has a team of highly skilled professionals with specialised knowledge in fisheries and aquaculture, spatial planning and marine protected area, regulation, ocean diplomacy and the blue economy in general. We have extensive experience in conducting assessments, research, and analysis related to resource management, market trends, and regulatory frameworks. This technical expertise allows the Organization to provide accurate and informed recommendations to clients and stakeholders.

Project Management: The Organization excels in project management, ensuring the successful planning, implementation, and monitoring of initiatives. We have experience in working with private companies, universities, governments and NGOs. Also, AFMESI works with multilaterals, such as UNDP; World Bank; International Maritime Organization; Ocean Action 2030 Coalition; and others.

AFMESI is pillar approved for delivering projects within budget and on schedule while adhering to high-quality standards. The project management capabilities of the Organization enables it to effectively coordinate diverse stakeholders, manage resources, and mitigate risks to achieve desired outcomes.

Stakeholder Engagement: The firm recognizes the importance of engaging stakeholders at various levels, including fishing communities, government agencies, NGOs, and private sector entities. It possesses strong facilitation and communication capabilities, allowing for meaningful participation, consensus building, and establishing collaborative relationships. AFMESI stakeholder engagement capabilities facilitate the co-design and co-implementation of initiatives, promoting ownership and sustainability.

Policy and Regulatory Knowledge: The firm has a comprehensive understanding of national and international policies, regulations, and best practices related to sustainable resource management – staying updated on the evolving regulatory landscape and providing guidance to clients on compliance and strategic decision-making. AFMESI expertise in navigating complex policy environments ensures that initiatives align with legal requirements and contribute to long-term sustainability.

Empowerment, Capacity Building and Training: The firm places a strong emphasis on capacity building and training, recognizing the importance of empowering fishing communities and relevant stakeholders. It designs and delivers tailored training programs, workshops, and knowledge-sharing sessions to enhance technical skills, promote best practices, and foster a culture of sustainable resource management. It's capacity building efforts contribute to the long-term success and resilience of communities and organizations.

Monitoring and Evaluation: The firm utilizes robust monitoring and evaluation frameworks to assess the effectiveness and impact of initiatives. It employs data-driven approaches, including indicators and performance metrics, to track progress, identify challenges, and make informed adjustments. AFMESI

monitoring and evaluation capabilities ensure accountability, learning, and continuous improvement throughout the project lifecycle.

OUR TEAM

AFMESI's team is made up of over 25 professionals with different profiles and experience that complement each other and ensure the development of studies, analysis and high-quality projects working on as need bases, volunteers and in office, and draws from a larger pool of subject matter experts in its think-tank to address a wide range of environmental and blue economy issues. The Team encompasses a wide range of skill sets that have continued to expand as the membership of the Team keeps increasing in size.

We also continue to acquire knowledge by actively engaging in educational programs and connecting with traditional sustainability approaches from Indigenous groups across Africa. On the AFMESI team, we have strong human resources ranging from maritime security, marine engineering, environmental science, Researchers to policy analysis personnel and more.

Our team is characterized by the following aspects:

- We are an open and dynamic team of professionals.
- We have an average of more than 36years cumulative based on Experts individual qualifications and experience in consultancy specializing in internationalization, international cooperation and business management.
- We understand and apply participatory processes as key to the development of sustainable initiatives.
- We have experience in social, economic and environmental impact assessment, understanding that it should be the focus of any sustainable development initiative.
- We align ourselves with the Sustainable Development Goals, coinciding with AFMESI's work and development motivations.
- We have in-depth knowledge of the social, economic, and political environment of the countries of commercial interest.
- We work in NETWORK and have specialists in different sectors and countries, so that we offer solutions adapted to the demand and needs of each company.
 - For each study and service, we create a multidisciplinary work team with the capacity and experience to respond to the objectives and results proposed with high added value. This value should be measured from the coherence and relevance of the conclusions that are reached.

AFMESI APPROACH AND WORKING METHODOLOGY

AFMESI canvases for Sustainable Blue Economy as a paradigm of hope especially in the area of sustainable economic growth and regrowth with particular effort to catch the attention of all sectors, particularly in the coastal poor.

In order to ensure that the work of AFMESI benefits a diversity of people and locations, the organization mandates a representative team of advisory board members, staff and volunteers from different countries of the Region. AFMESI organizes an Annual Symposium and operates under a five-year renewable Strategic Plan.

AFMESI has partners at the grassroots, private sector, national, regional and international levels, such as the: African Union-International Bureau for animal Resources (AU-IBAR) charged with Blue Economy; the Ocean Net-work Canada, The Ocean Foundation, USA; the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA); the Nigerian Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research (NIOMR); the Federal Ministry of Transportation, Nigeria - Now Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy, the Federal Ministry of Environment (Nigeria); Lekki Deep Port, Lagos, Nigeria; Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board; Federal Legislature, House Committee on Marine Environment, Nigeria; G7++ Friends of Gulf of Guinea, G7++FoGoG amongst several others.

We apply the project cycle methodology, the participatory and holistic approach to problems and proposals. We are committed to the process in which we are involved and, therefore, we are used to carry out the identification, formulation, implementation, and evaluation of international cooperation projects.

AFMESI has extensive experience in the development of projects within the framework of primary sectors and sustainable development at national and international level, also working at entrepreneurship and training. Thus, AFMESI works on the development of initiatives with actors in (social, private, academic and governmental) for the promotion of economic growth and employment through an efficient use of local resources.

In addition, the company and its members have extensive experience in the design of public policies aimed at enhancing local economic development and technological modernization where public-private cooperation is the basis for growth by integrating scientific, technical and social capacities that facilitate the creation, transmission, dissemination, measurement and management of knowledge and its application to productive activities.

AFMESI has a long history of projects based on the design of strategies and participatory processes for the identification and involvement of agents of the quadruple helix for the promotion of new public-private alliances between organizations, companies, public administrations, non-governmental actors, etc., with the aim of creating a framework for business development, social cohesion, cooperation for development, etc. All this, moreover, applied to the specific field of technology and innovation.

Through its technical team and longstanding professional collaboration with research centers and universities, AFMESI contributes to the development of sectoral and blue economy strategies both within Africa and internationally.

At AFMESI, we believe that sustainable development requires collaborative solutions rooted in the principles of the quadruple helix, integrating the academic, public, private, and social sectors. We embrace

the power of working in networks to amplify impact, foster innovation, and address complex environmental and socio-economic challenges.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE IN A nutshell

AFMESI's experience in Blue Economy covers the following areas categorized into Provision of educational programs on blue economy and biodiversity protection; Guiding blue economy policy development, Enhancing blue economy collaborations in African blue economy space; and promoting the participation of women and youths in the blue economy:

- Awareness creation/Capacity building/ Training workshops
- Ocean clean ups/remediation and restoration
- Corporate Social Responsibility activities on behalf of companies who want to give back to the environment or society
- Scientific studies and research.
- Policy development and guidance for environmental management and negotiation
- Entrenchment of the Blue Economy in the Executive Arms of Nigeria
- Collaboration with National and International bodies to distil best benchmark for African style for ocean governance and resource utilization.
- Organizing impacting symposium on marine/Blue Economy
- Bilateral and multilateral co-operation in ocean diplomacy
- Grass roots inclusion in Blue economy conversation.

➤ *Provision of Educational Programs on Blue Economy and Biodiversity Protection*

AFMESI's nearly annual Symposia are forums for education, collaboration, brainstorming, and creation of realistic and innovative resolutions. These events provide opportunities for driving resolutions and their appropriate implementation tools to benefit coastal countries in Africa and their landlocked neighbors. For years, our Symposia have brought together maritime experts, youths, women groups, media, political leaders and international organizations to deliberate on pressing issues affecting maritime resources in the continent of Africa, share knowledge on best practices and make commitments on driving solutions to the issues. Due to the overwhelming positive feedback that have been received on these events, we have

continued to receive funding for them from international agencies, the private sector, individual donors and government agencies operating in our host country, Nigeria.

➤ ***Guiding Blue Economy Policy Development***

AFMESI has played significant roles in advancing the development of Blue Economy policies across the African continent. AFMESI is a key stakeholder to the African Union Inter-African Bureau on Animal Resources in Kenya and serves on the African Development Bank (AfDB)'s Nigeria Circular Economy Working Group. AFMESI also participates actively as a member of the Task force on Marine Litter and Plastic Management in Nigeria. On invitation, AFMESI formally submitted recommendations (in 2021) to Nigeria's Federal Ministry of Transportation on the upcoming National Maritime Transport Policy. The President of AFMESI, Dr. Felicia Mogo was the Lead Consultant on Nigeria's Expanded Partnership Committee on Sustainable Blue Economy in Nigeria (EPCSBE) which was set up in 2022 by the Federal Ministry of Transportation and domiciled under the Office of the then-Vice-President of Nigeria, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo. It was the recommendations of this Committee as co-Led by Dr. Mogo, which led to the formation of the Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy in 2023 by the current Government of Nigeria.

➤ ***Enhancing International Collaborations in the African Blue Economy Space***

AFMESI is a member of the Strategic Glo-Litter Partnership Project that is headed by both the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). To this Glo-Litter Partnership Project, AFMESI plays a key advisory role in the prevention and management of marine litter in developing countries. This group includes the likes of BIMCO, the World Maritime University, GESAMP, UNEP, to name a few. AFMESI was the first African institution to be a part of this group of high-level maritime institutions. Also, AFMESI was a Panelist at the 2022 G7++ Friends of the Gulf of Guinea Plenary in Berlin, Germany, invited and sponsored by the G7++ Group. We presented on the effects of maritime insecurity on environmental protection, and in our usual fashion, shared some possible solutions. Our presentation sparked engaging conversations and new institutional relationships which we still have to this day.

➤ ***Promoting the participation of women and youths in the Blue Economy Sector***

AFMESI has continued to promote the involvement of youths in this organization as part of executive team, as mid-level managers and volunteers. We also periodically, approach the Nigerian Youths Service Secretariat to have Youth Corpers serve at our Organisation, as a way of building the next generation of maritime leaders. Furthermore, Day 2 of AFMESI's 4th Symposium that was held in September 2024, was a training session that was provided for early to mid-career personnel who are in the Blue Economy sector, at no cost.

Summary of Work Done

1. AFMESI is currently in discussions with the Government of Anambra State, Nigeria, on strategies to harness the State's inland waterways, wetlands, and other maritime resources for revenue generation, thereby unlocking and maximizing its Blue Economy potential.

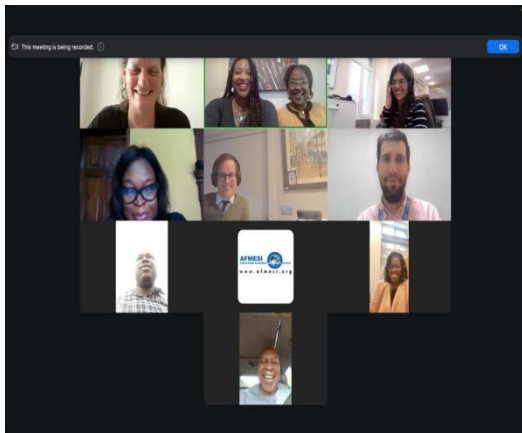
Additionally, AFMESI is engaging with the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) on the theme: **Unlocking Blue Economy Potential: Financing Innovative Manufacturing Solutions for Ocean Sustainability**. This collaboration aims to explore pathways for aligning industrial development with sustainable ocean practices.

2. **Assignment name:** Supporting the development of the Blue Economy Framework in Nigeria. *Financial proposals to the World Bank procurement procedure. n° 0002013589*

Name of Client: World Bank

Start date (month/year): March, 2025

Completion date (month/year): Ongoing



AFMESI at the World Bank Project Meeting

Description of Project: The main objective of the project is to support the Nigerian government and stakeholders in designing a strategic vision for the Blue Economy. The project will involve collaboration with the World Bank and various stakeholders across government, private sector, and non-governmental organizations. Key focus areas include: Coastal management, Economic sustainability, Policy and governance, Environmental conservation.

3. **Assignment name:** AFMESI HAS BEEN NOMINATED TO RECEIVE AND MANAGE THE FUND FOR THE PROPOSED PARTNER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF OCEAN TECHNICAL CAPACITY WITH AFRICAN NATIONS/WOMEN & YOUTH TECHNICAL CAPACITY FOR THE BLUE ECONOMY (DOTCAN INSTITUTE/WYTEC BLUE PROJECT)

Name of Client: Development of Ocean Technical Capacity with African Nations/Women & Youth Technical Capacity for the Blue Economy (DOTCAN Institute/WYTEC Blue Project)

Start date (month/year): 2025

Completion date (month/year): ongoing

Description of Project: TO RECEIVE AND MANAGE THE FUND FOR THE PROPOSED PARTNER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF OCEAN TECHNICAL CAPACITY WITH AFRICAN NATIONS/WOMEN & YOUTH TECHNICAL CAPACITY FOR THE BLUE ECONOMY (DOTCAN INSTITUTE/WYTEC BLUE PROJECT)

4. **Assignment name:** PLASTIC REDUCTION IN THE OCEANS: SUSTAINING AND ENHANCING ACTIONS ON SEA-BASED SOURCES (PRO-SEAS). AFMESI CO-APPLIED AS A TEAM MEMBER ON THIS PROJECT, AND WILL ALSO CO-IMPLEMENT IT WHEN IT STARTS.

Name of Client: Food and Agriculture Organization, USA

Start date (month/year): 2025

Completion date (month/year): ongoing

Description of Project: PRO-SEAS (Plastic Reduction in the Oceans: Sustaining and Enhancing Actions on Sea-based Sources) is a global initiative under the UN Decade of Ocean Science aimed at reducing plastic pollution from sea-based sources such as fishing, shipping, and offshore activities. It promotes innovative solutions, improved waste management, stakeholder collaboration, and policy integration to protect marine ecosystems and support a sustainable blue economy.

5. **Assignment name:** HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT (HSE) AGENCY WIDE AUDIT IN ALIGNMENT WITH CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG) PROCEDURES.

Name of Client: NIGERIAN MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AND SAFETY AGENCY (NIMASA)

Start date (month/year): 26th May, 2025

Completion date (month/year): 11th July, 2025



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Description of Project: AFMESI in partnership with her sister company - LUBARI Maritime Company Limited, carried out this audit and trainings across all the zonal offices of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA). This audit processes and procedure aligned with global Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles and was aimed at elevating NIMASA's existing HSE framework into a fully integrated, forward-looking, and sustainability-driven system.

6. **Assignment name:** EVALUATION & MANAGEMENT OF MARINE LITTER
Name of Client: Nigerian Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA)

Start date (month/year): 2022

Completion date (month/year): ongoing

Description of Project: AFMESI evaluated the sources of marine litter, how they can manage the marine litter in their area and how they can train the rivers. We gave them expert advice on how they can support the communities.

7. **Assignment name:** 3-DAY TRAINING FOR THE STAFF OF THE NIGERIAN MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AND SAFETY AGENCY (NIMASA) ON TECHNICAL REPORT WRITING FOR SAFETY OFFICERS

Name of Client: NIGERIAN MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AND SAFETY AGENCY (NIMASA)

Start date (month/year): 7th October, 2024

Completion date (month/year): 9th October, 2024



Description of Project: AFMESI in partnership with LUBARI Maritime Company Limited, delivered this training for staff of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA). The program aimed to equip participants with the skills necessary to write professional and effective technical reports in line with international maritime safety standards and regulatory requirements.

8. **Assignment name:** 3-DAY TRAINING FOR THE STAFF OF THE NIGERIAN MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AND SAFETY AGENCY (NIMASA) ON UNDERSTANDING SHIPPING AND PORTS MANAGEMENT

Name of Client: NIGERIAN MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AND SAFETY AGENCY (NIMASA)

Start date (month/year): 7th October, 2024

Completion date (month/year): 9th October, 2024



Description of Project: AFMESI in partnership with CLIO Consultancy Service Limited, delivered this training for staff of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA). The program aimed to equip participants with the skills necessary to understand shipping and effectively manage a port.

9. **Assignment name:** SYMPOSIUM AND WORKSHOP ON ACHIEVING BLUE GROWTH IN A CHANGING CLIMATE: INTEGRATING THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Start date (month/year): September, 2024

Completion date (month/year): September, 2024

Description of Project: The event provided participants with the avenue to proffer solutions to the major issues of the maritime sector in Africa, with a major focus on the local coastal communities, with extending benefits for their landlocked neighbours.

10. **Assignment name:** BLUE ECONOMY TRAINING FOR SEAFARERS

Name of Client: Maritime Academy of Nigeria (MAN) Oron

Start date (month/year): March, 2024

Completion date (month/year): September, 2024

Description of Project: Provision of Books, manuals, training session facilitation, and technical documents on Blue Economy. AFMESI facilitated the Blue Economy Training for Seafarers at the Maritime Academy of Nigeria (MAN) Oron, and provided essential resources, including books, manuals, and technical documents, to support learning. We also organized training sessions, delivering in-depth knowledge on Blue Economy concepts, sustainable marine resource management, and emerging opportunities in the maritime sector. Through interactive engagements, AFMESI enhanced the capacity of seafarers, equipping them with the skills and expertise needed to contribute effectively to Nigeria's Blue Economy development.

11. **Assignment name:** TRAINING OF STAFF OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION, NIGERIA (NOW FEDERAL MINISTRY OF MARINE AND BLUE ECONOMY, NIGERIA)

Name of Client: Federal Ministry of Transportation, Nigeria (now Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy, Nigeria)

Start date (month/year): February, 2023

Completion date (month/year): January, 2024



Description of Project: AFMESI in partnership with LUBARI Maritime Company Ltd, delivered transition trainings for staff of the Federal Ministry of Transportation, Nigeria, that migrated to the new Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy, Nigeria, for building capacity for both the regular staff and director throughout the year 2023.

12. Assignment name: WORKSHOPS ON BLUE ECONOMY AND CARBON CAPTURE STORAGE

Name of Client: Nigeria Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA)

Start date (month/year): May, 2023

Completion date (month/year): August, 2023

Description of Project: AFMESI facilitated workshops on Blue Economy and Carbon Capture Storage, providing technical knowledge sharing for participants from NIMASA and other maritime stakeholders. We delivered expert presentations on sustainable ocean resource management, climate change mitigation strategies, and the role of carbon capture and storage in reducing marine-related emissions. Additionally, we engaged in policy discussions, guided participants on best practices for implementing Blue Economy initiatives, and fostered collaborative approaches to integrating carbon sequestration into Nigeria's maritime sector for long-term environmental and economic sustainability.

13. Assignment name: ROUND TABLE ON ASSESSING THE 2022 FLOODING IN THE SOUTH EASTERN ATLANTIC REGION OF AFRICA: WITH MAIN FOCUS ON THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE RURAL COASTAL DWELLERS

Start date (month/year): December, 2022

Completion date (month/year): December, 2022



Description of Project: The round table discussion on the impact of 2022 of flooding across the African coastal environment especially encouraged the government to depend on early warning tools to mitigate loss of life and property. The team also discussed the applicability of creation of funds for loss and damage as proffered at the 2022 conference of parties on climate change in Egypt.

14. **Assignment name:** WORKSHOPS ON BLUE ECONOMY

Name of Client: Ocean Foundation, USA

Start date (month/year): September 2022

Completion date (month/year): October, 2022

Description of Project: AFMESI facilitated workshops on the Blue Economy for the Ocean Foundation, providing technical knowledge sharing on sustainable marine resource management, ocean governance, and economic opportunities in maritime sectors. We delivered expert presentations on policy frameworks, climate resilience, and innovative approaches to integrating coastal communities into the Blue Economy. Additionally, AFMESI staff engaged stakeholders in discussions on best practices, capacity building, and the development of sustainable strategies to enhance ocean-based economic growth while ensuring environmental conservation.

15. **Assignment name:** MARINE LITTER CLEANUP & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, OGOGORO ISLAND COMMUNITY

Start date (month/year): October, 2022

Completion date (month/year): October, 2022



Description of Project: AFMESI did a survey of their community areas and we evaluated the sources of waste in the marine environment and the communities that we survey of the communities there and

trained them on how to manage their waste and also let them know the impact of waste on their environment. At the end of the exercise, we donated cleaning gears and waste receptacles to the community.

16. Assignment name: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CLEANUP (WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY)

Name of Client: Lekki Port Management



Start date (month/year): June, 2022

Completion date (month/year): June, 2022

Description of Project: AFMESI did a survey of their community areas and we evaluated the sources of waste in the marine environment and the communities that we survey of the communities there and trained them on how to manage their waste and also let them know the impact of waste on their environment. We also discovered that they don't have waste receptacles, and organised toilet systems, so we provided all these tools and equipment for them.

17. Assignment name: SYMPOSIUM: "AFRICAN BLUE WORLD: WHICH WAY TO GO?"

Start date (month/year): October, 2021

Completion date (month/year): October, 2021

Description of Project: The event provided participants with the 'tool kit' for coastal African nations to become maritime hubs with thriving Blue Economy sectors, with extending benefits for their landlocked neighbours.

18. Assignment name: DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR IOPC FUND

Name of Client: Nigeria Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA)

Start date (month/year): October, 2021

Completion date (month/year): July, 2022

Description of Project: AFMESI in partnership with LUBARI Maritime Company Ltd, developed the Pricing Index which was then submitted to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and we also gave a training to some community people on how to even prepare their own documents.

19. Assignment name: SYMPOSIUM ON MARINE POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL TOWARDS BLUE ECONOMY

Start date (month/year): November, 2020

Completion date (month/year): November, 2020

Description of Project: AFMESI organised the Symposium on Marine Pollution Prevention and Control towards Blue Economy, facilitated capacity- building sessions and knowledge-sharing discussions. Various professionals gave expert insights on marine pollution prevention strategies, regulatory frameworks, and sustainable practices to support the Blue Economy. Additionally, AFMESI engaged stakeholders through interactive presentations, panel discussions, and technical sessions, fostering collaboration and enhancing awareness on best practices for marine environmental protection and sustainable resource management. Participants deliberated on issues related to marine pollution prevention and control in Africa.

OTHER MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. On 18th March, 2025, AFMESI had a meeting with Instituto para el Crecimiento Sostenible de la Empresa (ICSEM), Spain, on the implementation of the World Bank Project - **"Supporting the development of the Blue Economy Framework in Nigeria"**, *financial proposals to the World Bank procurement procedure. n° 0002013589*. The main objective of the project is to support the Nigerian government and stakeholders in designing a strategic vision for the Blue Economy. The project will involve collaboration with the World Bank and various stakeholders across government, private sector, and non-governmental organizations. Key focus areas include: Coastal management, Economic sustainability, Policy and governance, Environmental conservation.
2. AFMESI Cultural Women Dance Troupe (Comot Wahala) at WISTA Nigeria 30th Anniversary.



On 25th March 2025, the AFMESI Cultural Women Dance Troupe, **Comot Wahala**, lit up the 30th Anniversary celebration of WISTA Nigeria with an electrifying performance! Their vibrant dance not only added colour to the event but also carried a powerful message, advocating for clean oceans through culture and tradition.

AFMESI's President, Dr. Felicia Chinwe Mogo, also took center stage as a panelist in the discussion on "Technology and Innovation in the Ocean Economy Driving Change and Progress", where she shared key insights on the subject.

3. AFMESI introduced the **AFMESI Coastal Women Dance Troupe - 'Commot Wahala!'**
'Commot Wahala' literally means "Remove Trouble", and in this case, it refers to the urgent need to stop dumping waste into our water bodies. The dance troupe is a creative movement where coastal women

use song and dance to campaign against water pollution while advocating for cleaner rivers, seas, and oceans. This initiative is yet another step towards fulfilling one of the key outcomes of our 2024 Symposium – **ensuring the inclusion of local women in sustainable marine practices.**

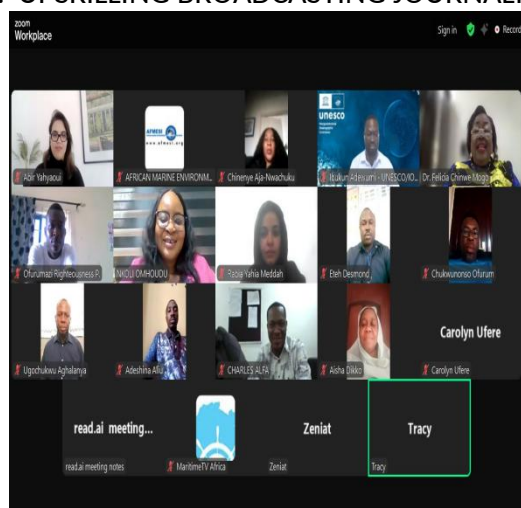
4. AFMESI Mentorship Program (AMTP)

AFMESI Mentorship Program, launched in 2025 aims to ensure intergenerational sustainability by building capacities among the younger generation. The program seeks to address knowledge and skill gaps at every stage of Africa's Blue Economy development to ensure continuity and progress.

5. In 2025, AFMESI will be collaborating with NIMASA and IOC-UNESCO on the “**Omini-lye/Water is Life**” project. This initiative will showcase history, culture, and resources in the Blue Economy across Africa through a dance-drama production.

6. AFMESI is having discussions with Tantita Security Services Nigeria Ltd on: SURVEY ON ROOT CAUSES OF INSECURITY IN THE NIGER DELTA. AFMESI will train them to adopt a carrot approach instead of militarizing the whole zone, and also how to get the community involved to benefit from other sources such as the evaluation of their mangrove to see how they can launch into carbon sequestration and then help them get into carbon trading, and stop illegal oil bunkering.

7. UPSKILLING BROADCASTING JOURNALISTS' KNOWLEDGE ON BLUE ECONOMY REPORTING.



On the 22nd of January, 2025, AFMESI hosted a webinar on “UPSILLING BROADCASTING JOURNALISTS' KNOWLEDGE ON BLUE ECONOMY REPORTING”. It focused on the importance of informed journalism in driving awareness and action towards sustainable development, particularly in the context of the blue economy and sustainable use of ocean resources. The speakers highlighted the role of journalists in promoting sustainable development goals, the success of countries like Canada and Seychelles in implementing blue economy strategies and what Nigeria can learn from them, and the need for capacity building and technological tools for effective reporting on marine issues. The conversation ended with discussions on strategies for effective science communication, collaboration between researchers, journalists, media, and citizen science, and the potential for collaboration on ocean literacy initiatives.

The Speakers

1. Dr. Felicia Chinwe Mogo, President, African Marine Environment Sustainability Initiative (AFMESI)

2. Ms. Abir Yahyaoui, Senior Program Officer - Tunisia, Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI)
3. Dr. Ibukun Adewumi, Head, IOC-UNESCO Africa

Moderator

Mrs. Nkoli Omhoudu, Media Lead, AFMESI

8. DISTINGUISHED ICONIC AWARD



Dr. Mogo received the **DISTINGUISHED ICONIC AWARD** from the Centre for Logistics and Transport Studies (CELTRAS) at the University of Port Harcourt on February 27, 2025. This esteemed acknowledgment shows her extraordinary efforts in environmental sustainability, development of regulatory policies, and her groundbreaking influence in advancing the Blue Economy initiative in Nigeria, Africa, and beyond.

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt, Prof. Owunari Abraham Georgewill , presented the award, which was accepted on her behalf by Dr. Mrs. Chizoba Anyika.

9. WIMA Nigeria one day conference



AFMESI President, Dr. (Mrs.) Felicia Chinwe Mogo at the WIMA Nigeria one day conference/ seminar, which took place on the 28th of November, 2024, with the theme: **Blue Economy and Professional Capacity Building for the next Generation.**

10. Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy Stakeholders workshop



AFMESI President, Dr. (Mrs.) Felicia Chinwe Mogo speaking at the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy Stakeholders workshop on the National Policy on Marine and Blue Economy, which held at Radisson Blu Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos, on the 27th of November, 2024.

11. 3rd African Maritime Art Exhibition



AFMESI President, Dr. (Mrs.) Felicia Chinwe Mogo at the 3rd African Maritime Art Exhibition, which held at the Naval Dockyard, Lagos, on the 22nd November, 2024, with the theme: History and Trends - Seascape for Nigeria's Blue Economy.

12. National Joint Taskforce on Marine Litter and Plastic Management in Nigeria



The Program Assistant, John Mbanefo, represented AFMESI at the meeting of the National Joint Taskforce on Marine Litter and Plastic Management in Nigeria, on the 19th of November, 2024.

He made a presentation amongst other stakeholders on AFMESI's activities in combating the menace of marine litter in our environment, especially our waters.

At the event AFMESI was made the Chair of the NIMASA NTF Sub-Committee on "Actions to Combat Sea-Based Sources of Marine Litter", with the mandate to work on:

1. Actions addressing ships/vessels Marine Platforms generated waste
2. Actions addressing waste related to fishing and Aquaculture
3. Removal/Remediation of Fishing Aquaculture related waste
4. Engage with Glo-Litter activities in Nigeria

13. Deep Seabed Mining Conference, 2024



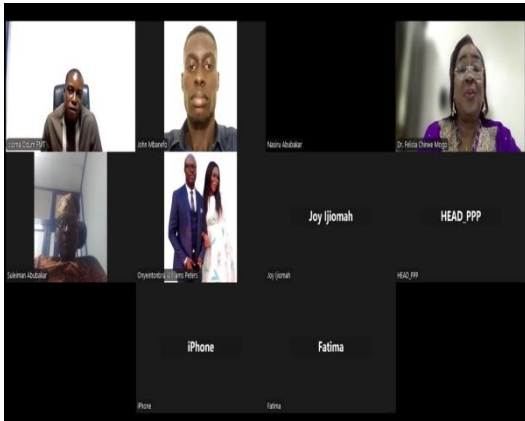
On the 14th of September, AFMESI President, Dr. (Mrs.) Felicia Chinwe Mogo was the Guest Speaker at the Deep Seabed Mining Conference, 2024, themed: **A Clarion Call to Defend the Deep**. She delivered a lecture on the topic: **Understanding Deep Seabed Mining and International Agreements**.

14. US-West Africa Atlantic Coastal Resilience Research Consortium.



AFMESI President, Dr. (Mrs.) Felicia Chinwe Mogo was at the US-West Africa Atlantic Coastal Resilience Research Consortium, 4th Annual International Workshop, which held from the 19th to 21st August, 2024. Themed: **Harnessing the Blue and Marine Economy in Support of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development**.

15. Technical meeting with the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy.



On the 27th of June, 2024, African Marine Environment Sustainability Initiative (AFMESI) held a technical meeting with the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy on how Nigeria can join High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy (Ocean Panel). During the meeting, the President of AFMESI gave a presentation on the steps that the Ministry should take to ensure that Nigeria becomes a member of the Ocean Panel. She also spoke on the benefits of being a member of the Ocean Panel

16. Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Oron, 2024 World Seafarers Day.



AFMESI was truly honored to have our President at the Maritime Academy Oron, Nigeria on the 25th of June, 2024- World Seafarers Day. This was on the invitation of the esteemed Rector Commodore Duja Emmanuel Effedua. Thank you for the warm welcome and for your efforts in educating the cadets on the importance of the Blue Economy. The great work you have done to ensure that the Academy is of world class standard is amazing. Dr. Felicia Chinwe Mogo's lecture was on the: **Diagnostic assessment of the maritime industry in the era of Blue Economy with a focus on seafarers**. According to her, It was also a fantastic opportunity for me to learn from Rear Admiral Ezeoba (RTD), former Chief of Naval Staff and Rear Admiral Oyagha (RTD) in their extensive talk on maritime domain and security.

17. World Hydrography day 2024.



The President was invited as a guest speaker at the 2024, World Hydrography day celebration by the Nigerian Navy and her Hydrographic Agency. She used the opportunity to discuss the critical role of hydrography in coastal zone management and environmental protection. Inspired by the Navy's dedication to developing local charts and their commitment to enhancing marine safety, she also emphasized the importance of creating pollution charts, such as noise pollution, climate change charts to save as early warning information, and representing the wealth and values in Nigeria's extended Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ) on charts and so on. She advocated for collaboration between maritime Agencies and the Navy for effective Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) in areas like the Marina.

Reporting further, she said, "Kudos to the Nigerian Navy for their unwavering commitment to maritime excellence and environmental stewardship. Their dedication to developing local charts, enhancing marine safety, and contributing to coastal zone management is truly commendable. We applaud their efforts in ensuring a sustainable maritime environment and look forward to continued collaboration for the greater good. Together, we can work towards a sustainable and thriving maritime environment"

She said as the present leadership took time to speak, the power of collaboration and honoring the legacy of dedication was evident:

It was heartwarming to witness the Chief of Naval Staff and CEO. & Navy Hydrographic Agency's present leadership acknowledging the invaluable contributions of the retired staff who laid the foundation for the agency's success. Their recognition of the past efforts underscores the importance of unity and continuity in achieving maritime excellence- Kudos to all involved in this inspiring journey!

18. African Union National Stakeholders' Consultation and Validation Workshop.



AFMESI was represented by our esteemed President, Dr. Felicia Mogo, at the African Union National Stakeholders' Consultation and Validation Workshop for National Blue Economy Strategy for Nigeria, which held from 8th to 10th April, 2024, at Abuja. The Workshop brought together key stakeholders, experts, and policymakers to discuss the National Blue Economy Strategy for Nigeria. The blue economy holds immense potential for sustainable development, especially for coastal nations like Nigeria, and this workshop was a crucial step towards harnessing its benefits.

19. On the 15th of April 2024, AFMESI became a member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). ECOSOC is at the heart of the United Nations system, driving forward the three dimensions of sustainable development – economic, social, and environmental. Established in 1945, ECOSOC serves as the central platform for fostering debate, forging consensus, and coordinating efforts to achieve internationally agreed goals.

20. HERO of WAMASON AWARD.



On the 16th of April 2024, Dr. Mrs. Felicia Chinwe Mogo, the Pioneer Counselor of WAMASON Lagos Council, and President of AFMESI, was recognized with the prestigious "HERO of WAMASON" Lagos Council Award at the EKO Waste Summit 2024 event. Organized by the Waste Management Society of Nigeria (WAMASON), this testifies to Dr. Mogo's outstanding contributions along with some of her

colleagues in ensuring that WAMASON stands on its feet adequately in Lagos State.

21. Governing Council Member of the Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria (IEPN).



On the 16th of April 2024, our President, Dr. (Mrs) Felicia Chinwe Mogo, was nominated as a Governing Council Member of the Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria (IEPN)! This prestigious appointment recognizes Dr. Mogo's dedication to environmental stewardship and her commitment to making a positive impact in Nigeria's environmental sector.

22. Member of the Ocean Action 2030.



We are super encouraged by the welcoming of AFMESI as a New member of "Ocean Action 2030", World Resources Institute, USA by the Organization's Director, Cynthia Barzuna, at its bimonthly meeting on 29th April 2024. The "High level Ocean Panel" is "an initiative by serving World Leaders, working to build momentum towards sustainable Ocean Economy, in which effective protection and prosperity go hand-in-hand". As stated by our President- Dr. F.C.Mogo, this is a very good development and will spur us to more action especially in Africa!

23. National Content Monitoring and Developmental Board (NCMDB) Retreat.



On the 28th of November, 2023, AFMESI had the opportunity of facilitating a session on the: Principles of BLUE ECONOMY and how the National Content Monitoring and Developmental Board (NCMD) could launch into it. This was during a Retreat Organized by the Management of NCMD for some of the Staff in Port Harcourt. The training was well received by the Staff who also made a lot of contributions. It was quite encouraging to note that the NCMD has been implementing Blue projects such as establishment of maritime hubs.

24. 21st Convocation Ceremony of Igbinedion University, Okada.



On the 24th of November, 2023, the President of AFMESI, Dr. Felicia Mogo was the Guest Speaker at the 21st Convocation Ceremony of Igbinedion University, Okada - the first private University in Nigeria. Dr. Mogo spoke on the Theme — The Changing Higher Education Landscape: Implications for Emerging Workplace Dynamics. While delivering the lecture, she also shared insights on a career in the maritime sector and the importance of this sector.

25. 2nd National Transport Technology Conference and Exhibition 2023.



AFMESI was a keynote speaker at the 2nd National Transport Technology Conference and Exhibition 2023. Our President, Dr. Felicia Chinwe Mogo, spoke on “Poor Interconnectivity to the Nation’s Ports:

Options for an Effective Logistics System in Nigeria”. She initiated the presentation with a brief overview of the current state of interconnectivity to Nigeria's ports. She highlighted the strategic importance of efficient logistics in promoting economic growth, international trade, and overall development. She concluded by stating that Excellent Connectivity is one indicator that the port network is optimized and engineered towards quality service delivery. Efficiency and effectiveness is the order of the day. It shows wealth creation and addition is being pursued strategically towards Blue Economy. She added that Nigeria has all the natural conditions and manpower needed to achieve the goal of a sustainable intermodal transportation system. She further stated that Nigeria is making the moves already. In closing, she asked the question “How can we shorten the value chain and reap the benefits quicker?” She then left the floor open for Expert Panelist to elucidate further.

26. WISTA - NIGERIA ANNUAL BUSINESS LUNCHEON.



AFMESI was at the WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AND TRADING ASSOCIATION - NIGERIA ANNUAL BUSINESS LUNCHEON, THEMED: BLUE ECONOMY: POTENTIALS FOR REBUILDING AND REPOSITIONING NIGERIA'S MARITIME INDUSTRY 2023, that held on the 16th of November 2023, at the Civic Center, Ozumba Mbadiwe, Lagos. Our President, Dr. Felicia Chinwe Mogo, was a Panelist at the event. She brought forth her wealth of expertise in Blue Economy, offering perspectives on its potentials for rebuilding and repositioning Nigeria's Maritime Industry. Her presentation initiated thoughtful discussions, exploring potential pathways for advancement.

27. A-z of Ship Book Launch.



AFMESI President, Dr. Felicia Chinwe Mogo, was the Guest Speaker at the: A-z of Ship Book Launch by Mrs. Obehi Oyakhilome Izekor. The event took place on the 30th of November, 2023, at the NIGAV CENTER MMAirport, during the NIMPORT Expo 2023 event. Dr. Mogo during her speech, stated that she has known the author, Mrs. Obehi Oyakhilome Izekor since 2013 when she, Dr. Mogo was a staff of

NIMASA. Dr. Mogo observed that the Author has always been focused and very dedicated to duties. According to Dr. Mogo, said that it is the Author's signature characteristic to add value hence she authored the book. In conclusion, she encouraged everyone present to get copies of the book to support the author's good effort.

28. Opponent, PhD defense, at the World Maritime University.



AFMESI President, Dr. (Mrs.) Felicia Chinwe Mogo was appointed by World Maritime University, Malmo, Sweden as the Opponent (status given to a subject matter expert in the field of defense) to the PhD defense of Roxanne Donna Graham that took place on Tuesday, 5th September, 2023, in the university. Roxanne produced a very valuable thesis titled: Combating Marine litter Crisis in the Wind ward Islands: Examining the Source to sea pathways and fostering multi-scale solutions. It afforded a very good opportunity to cross fertilize ideas on how best to “win- the war” against marine litter globally also. She was very well received by the University and Nigerian Students rounding up with their M.Sc programmes.

29. Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG) Meeting.



AFMESI President, Dr. (Mrs.) Felicia Chinwe Mogo was at the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG) Meeting in 2023.

30. Strategic Retreat for the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy.



AFMESI President, Dr. (Mrs.) Felicia Chinwe Mogo was at the Strategic Retreat for the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy, on Guidelines for the development of the Blue Economy Agenda.

31. Meeting with the Ocean Foundation, Washington DC, USA.



On the 19th of July, 2023, AFMESI held a productive meeting with the Ocean Foundation, Washington DC, USA. The meeting served as a platform to update the Ocean Foundation on AFMESI's ongoing activities and discuss potential collaborations for future projects. This partnership aims to leverage mutual expertise for impactful marine conservation initiatives.

32. AFMESI OFFICE OPENING



AFMESI officially inaugurated its new office on the 9th of August 2023. The event was attended by esteemed stakeholders and the organization's Patron. The opening of the office symbolizes AFMESI's expanded operational capacity and enhanced capabilities for future initiatives. In attendance was Mrs Eunice Ezeoke, Former President of WISTA Nigeria, Engr. Matthew Alalade, CEO of Mikealfa Networks Limited, Barr. Temisan Omatseye, Patron of AFMESI, Dr. Mrs Felicia Chinwe Mogo, President of AFMESI, Sir Alphonso Uchenna Mogo (FCA), Trustee of AFMESI, Barr. Jean Chiazor Anishere (SAN), Former Continental President of African Women in Maritime, Mrs Adesuwa Ladoja, Managing Director/CEO of Lagos Free Zone (LFZ), Nigeria.

33. 3-day International Training on Blue Economy and Investment Potentials in Nigeria.



AFMESI in cooperation with LUBARI Maritime Academy, conducted a 3-day International Training on Blue Economy and Investment Potentials in Nigeria. Hosted in Accra, Ghana, from the 12th to 15th of July, 2023, the training brought together personnel from the Maritime Department and key officials of the Federal Ministry of Transportation, Nigeria. Participants gained valuable insights into the blue economy, exploring investment opportunities and sustainable practices.

34. On the 5th of June, 2023, World Environment Day, the President of AFMESI served as a Guest Speaker at Women In Renewable Energy Association - WIRE-A's 5th Annual General Meeting, aligned with the theme **"Sustainable Partnership to Mitigate Plastic Pollution."** She contributed insights on marine environmental sustainability, emphasizing the need for collaborative efforts to address plastic pollution.

35. High Level Training for Policy Makers and Legislators



AFMESI President, Dr. (Mrs.) Felicia Chinwe Mogo at the High Level Training for Policy Makers and Legislators on: Developing our Nations Blue Economy: A Global Approach, at Radisson Blu Hotel, Dubai, from 28th March to 1st

April, 2022.

36. In 2022, AFMESI carried out an assessment of the flooding in the South-Eastern Atlantic region of Africa, aimed at the sustainability of the rural coastal dwellers.

37. World Maritime Day, 2022



AFMESI President was a Speaker at the Federal Ministry of Transportation (Nigeria)'s World Maritime Day event which was held under the theme - "New Technologies for Greener Shipping", on 28 September, 2022.

38. AFMESI, represented by our Executive Secretary (Chiamaka Mogo), participated in the 2022 G7++ Friends of the Gulf of Guinea (FoGG) Plenary in Berlin, Germany.



The G7++ FoGG Group supports efforts to improve Maritime Security in West and Central Africa. The ES spoke on the Panel Session — "Boosting Coordinated Regional Responses and Aligning International Initiatives with Regional Needs and Plans".

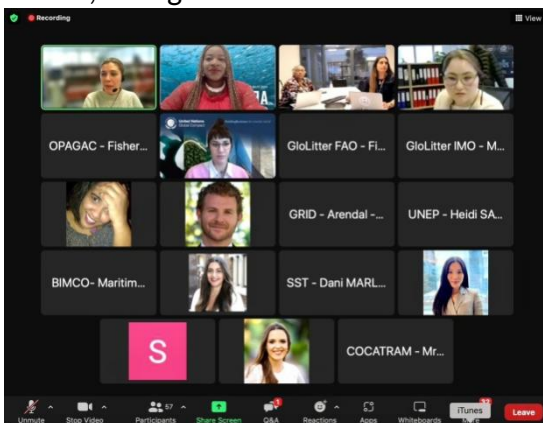
39. The Program Assistant, John Mbanefo represented AFMESI at the Stakeholders engagement for the elaboration of Nigeria's Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategy (LT-LED/LTS), held on 17th May, 2023.

40. AFMESI at the AU-IBAR December 2021 launch of the 'Conserving Aquatic Biodiversity in African Blue Economy Project.



AFMESI Executive Secretary, and current board of trustees member; Ms. Chiamaka Mogo presented at the December 2021 launch of the 'Conserving Aquatic Biodiversity in African Blue Economy Project of the African Union -Inter African Bureau for Animal Resources (au-ibar).

41. AFMESI at the G7++ Friends of Gulf of Guinea (G7++ FoGG) December, 2023 plenary meeting in Dakar, Senegal



AFMESI as a Member of G7++ Friends of Gulf of Guinea (G7++ FoGG) was at its December, 2023 plenary meeting hosted in the beautiful city of Dakar, Senegal under the Co-Chairmanship of Germany and Côte d'Ivoire. The highly productive meeting dwelt on building on the strategic priorities and advancement achieved by the Co-Chairs in 2022. AFMESI is quite impressed to see the contributions made by her Executive Secretary, Chiamaka Mogo in the 1st Plenary of the meeting of 2022 in Germany well captured for implementation in the road map of 2023. The meeting was also an occasion to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Yaounde code of conduct (YCoC) concerning the Prevention and Repression of Piracy, Armed Robbery against Ships and illegal Maritime activities. The efficient coordination and insight by UNODC added to the worthwhileness of the meetings. It is remarkable that the Co/Chairs, Germany and Côte d'Ivoire built on the achievements of the previous Co/Chairs and is already making every effort to debrief the incoming Co-Chairs adequately to ensure sustainability of the ideologies of the Group in order to achieve expected outcomes. AFMESI will want to use this forum also to congratulate the Co-Chairs: Germany and Côte d'Ivoire for a very successful tenure while looking forward to working with the Italy and her Co-Chair in the coming session(s).

AFMESI SYMPOSIA

1. First Symposium



Series of events at the AFMESI first symposium

On 27th October, 2015, AFMESI held its 1st Symposium to **review the impact of ocean noise on the marine ecology in Nigeria**—while proffering sustainable strategies for the implementation of holistic mechanisms and actions to tackle the urgent and emerging challenges. The Symposium was held physically in Victoria Island, Lagos State, Nigeria.

2. Second Symposium



Series of events at the AFMESI second symposium

On 6th November, 2020, AFMESI held its 2nd Symposium to deliberate on issues related to marine pollution prevention and control in Africa's oceans—while proffering sustainable strategies for the implementation of holistic mechanisms and actions to tackle the urgent and emerging challenges.

The theme of the event was **Marine Pollution Prevention and Control towards Blue Economy**.

The Symposium was held physically and virtually (Livestream). The in-person event was held in Victoria Island, Lagos State, Nigeria.

3. Third Symposium



Series of events at the AFMESI third symposium

The 3rd Symposium of AFMESI was a global event that took place on October 7, 2021 via physical and virtual (livestream) platforms. The in-person event was held at the Four Points by Sheraton hotel, Oniru annex, Victoria Island, Lagos State, Nigeria.

The broad theme of the event was **African Blue World: Which Way to go?**, and it provided participants with the 'tool kit' for coastal African nations to become maritime hubs with thriving Blue Economy sectors, with extending benefits for their landlocked neighbours. A total of ninety-seven (97) individuals from various Government Ministries, Departments, Agencies, NGOs and private organizations from across Africa participated.

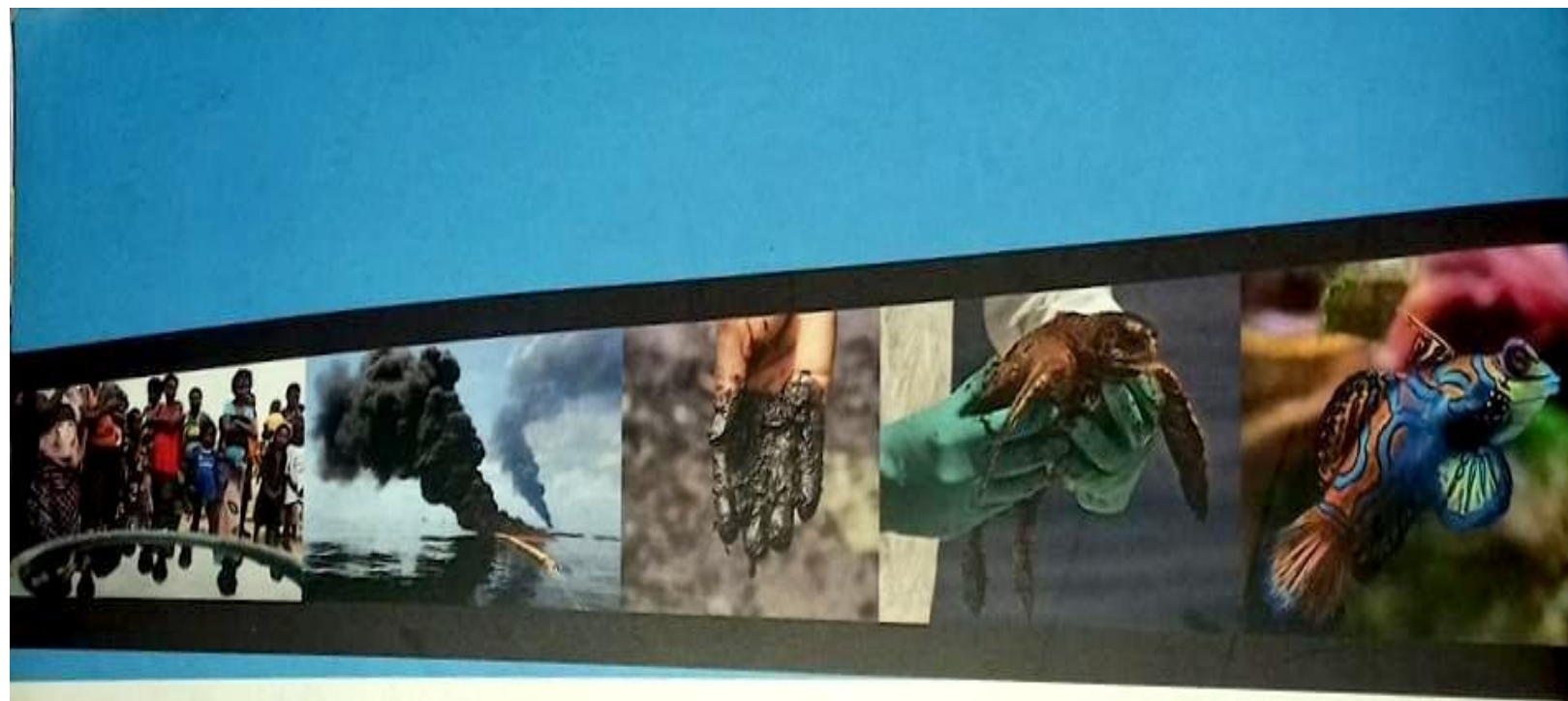
4. Fourth Symposium



Series of events at the AFMESI fourth symposium

The 4th Symposium of AFMESI was a global event that held from September 24 to 25, 2021 via physical and virtual (livestream) platforms. The in-person event took place at BWC hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos State, Nigeria.

The broad theme of the event was **“Achieving blue growth in a changing climate (integrating the local communities)”** and it provided participants with the avenue to proffer solutions to the major issues of the maritime sector in Africa, with a major focus on the local coastal communities, with extending benefits for their landlocked neighbours. Over 150 individuals from various Government Ministries, Departments, Agencies, NGOs and private organizations from across Africa participated.



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