

Imaobong Akpan-Ita

Committed to finding solutions for development-related issues in Africa and around the Globe, Imaobong is a seasoned project manager with success working on complex thematic areas.



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Work History

2025-0 - present	<p><i>Program Manager, Africa</i></p> <p>Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), Washington D.C</p> <p>In this role, I oversee a regional portfolio focused on mobilizing and equipping the African private sector to advocate for Rule of Law and strengthened democratic institutions towards removing economic and competitive barriers for economic development and stability.</p>
2024-01 - 2025-02	<p><i>Program Officer, Africa (Portfolio Lead: Accountability, Governance and Integrity)</i></p> <p>Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), Washington D.C</p> <p>Managed a portfolio of over USD \$1.6 million - developed and implemented accountability, governance and integrity solutions through four flagship initiatives across 13 Sub-Saharan African countries aimed at increasing private sector activism in preventing corruption. This effort included management of a growing network of 80+ compliance trainers and consultants, supporting the Ethics 1st initiative which was designed to align market forces with anti-corruption efforts by incentivizing ethical conduct among business in Africa and creating platforms for uncensored dialogue about anti-corruption solutions with broad stakeholder groups to enable sustainable collective action.</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Led the management of high-level stakeholders across public and private sectors, securing program endorsements from government agencies, leaders of industry and development partners in various Countries (including Nigeria, Kenya, Rwanda, Botswana & Zimbabwe).
2022-09 - 2023-12	<p><i>Associate Program Officer, Africa</i></p> <p>Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), Washington D.C</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Led the implementation of the first hybrid Africa Business Ethics Conferences

(ABEC) in Lagos attracting over 1500 participants globally and the interest of institutional partners such as the Open Government Partnership, the African Export-Import Bank, and the World Movement for Democracy.

- Grew a network of Anti-corruption and Business Integrity compliance experts by 50% over a two-year period while expanding reach and impact.

2020-05 -

Program Associate, Africa

2022-08

Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), Washington D.C

Achievements:

- In 2021, successfully planned, managed and executed first fully virtual CIPE Africa Training of Trainers program for Business Integrity Professionals attended by 57 participants from 7 Sub-Saharan African Countries with 82% success rate

2019-08 -

Development Officer

2019-12

Mumspring Foundation

- Developed and executed strategic initiatives aimed at building and establishing new partnerships with corporate and non-profit organizations to leverage the strength of combined networks to raise awareness for neo-natal mortality in Nigeria and Africa
- Represented organization's development interests at relevant meetings, events, and in donor-specific peer networks, as it relates.

2018-05 -

Program Coordinator

2019-08

IMPACT for Change and Development

- Worked as part of project team to plan and execute training initiatives including but not limited to capacity building in peace and gender-related courses, child protection courses and girl child empowerment courses
- Supported IT department in developing and implementing various creative digital communication strategies to reach and engage target audiences and sponsors: Social media and website management

Achievements:

- Led 2019 program team in executing annual conflict management seminar for Nigerian Army College of Logistics



Skills Set

- Program and Project Management
- Strategic Planning and Business Process Improvement
- Stakeholder Engagement and Representation
- Team Leadership and Talent Development
- Financial and Budget Management



Education

2012-08 -
2016-06

Bachelor of Science: International Law and Diplomacy

Babcock University - Ogun, Nigeria

B.Sc. International Law and Diplomacy

2007-09 -

High School Diploma

2011-07

Frederick Douglas Academy VII - NYC, United States

2001-09 -

Elementary Education: Primary Education

2006-07

St. Savior's Primary School - Lagos, Nigeria



Volunteer Services

- Election Monitor - WANEP Nigeria (Women's Situation Room) (2019)
- Content Creation Volunteer - The Three E's (2019 - 2020)
- Grief Support Group Facilitator – Ndidi (2020 –2022)

