

MICHAEL TEMITOPE FANIYI

INTERNAL AUDIT | RISK & ASSURANCE | REGULATORY INVESTIGATIONS | DATA ANALYTICS

Open to relocation across New Zealand | Employer-supported work visa required

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Risk, assurance and investigations professional with 8+ years' experience in a highly regulated public-sector environment. Experienced in reviewing complex financial and operational activity, assessing risk and controls, testing transactions, analysing evidence and translating findings into practical recommendations. Brings strong regulatory judgement, stakeholder engagement and data-enabled assurance capability, supported by advanced Excel/Power Query, SQL and Python/pandas. Now targeting Internal Audit, Risk & Assurance, Regulatory Risk and related opportunities in New Zealand.

CORE EXPERTISE

Internal Audit & Controls Assurance | Risk & Control Assessment | Regulatory Compliance | Investigation & Forensic Review | Financial & Operational Analysis | Transaction Testing & Reconciliation | Process Review & Improvement | Governance & Risk Reporting | Data Analytics & Anomaly Detection | Stakeholder Management | Report Writing & Recommendations

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Nigeria Revenue Service (formerly Federal Inland Revenue Service) | Abuja, Nigeria Jun 2018 - Present
Tax Officer - Investigation (Forensic & Compliance), Special Purpose Investigation Department

- Lead evidence-based reviews of complex corporate financial and operational information, including financial statements, general ledgers, bank information, transaction records and third-party data, to identify risk exposures, inconsistencies and areas requiring deeper investigation or assurance work.
- Perform risk-based transaction testing and reconciliations across multiple data sources, tracing exceptions to underlying activity and assessing whether explanations, documentation and supporting evidence are complete, consistent and credible.
- Review business processes, documentation and supporting controls relevant to regulatory compliance; identify control gaps, unsupported positions and opportunities to strengthen the control environment and reduce regulatory risk.
- Apply advanced Excel, Power Query, SQL and Python/pandas to clean, join and interrogate complex datasets, automate repeatable testing and surface anomalies that would be difficult to identify through manual review alone.
- Prepare concise investigation reports, analytical briefings and evidence-based recommendations for management, supporting regulatory decisions, enforcement follow-up and resolution of complex matters.
- Engage finance teams, taxpayer representatives, internal specialists and other stakeholders to understand business processes, obtain evidence, challenge explanations constructively and communicate findings clearly.
- Contribute to emerging work on virtual-assets taxation and digital-economy regulation, building knowledge of novel transaction flows, reporting obligations and associated compliance and financial-crime risks.

SELECTED IMPACT & INNOVATION

- Built an investigation analytics add-in combining financial-ratio analysis, Benford's Law anomaly screening and pattern-based grouping; adopted across the Nigeria Revenue Service's Northern and Southern investigation bureaus.
- Automated selected investigation memos, objective tracking and data-conversion workflows, reducing processes that previously took days to minutes and earning departmental recognition.
- Trained 200+ federal government staff in data analysis and practical AI adoption, translating technical concepts into repeatable workflows for non-technical users.
- Created Xvert, a PDF-to-Excel document parsing tool that converts source documents into structured, analysis-ready data and reduces manual preparation effort.

EARLIER EXPERIENCE

Meristem Wealth Management | Abuja, Nigeria

Jan 2018 - Apr 2018

Energy Research Analyst Intern

- Analysed the financial performance and liquidity of electricity generation and distribution companies in support of the Central Bank of Nigeria Electricity Market Stabilisation Facility (NEMSF).
- Built quantitative models to track sector liquidity and support evidence-based recommendations on financial sustainability and risk.

TotalEnergies SE | Abuja, Nigeria

Nov 2014 - Oct 2015

Graduate Intern - Commercial Operations

- Verified petroleum-product payment receipts in SAP ERP and reconciled financial records to product liftings, strengthening transaction integrity and exception identification.
- Implemented an SMS-based product verification initiative to help reduce adulteration risk and protect brand integrity.

Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) | Abuja, Nigeria

Jun 2013 - Sep 2013

Undergraduate Intern - Midstream Projects Division

- Supported techno-economic feasibility assessments and analysed technical and financial data for infrastructure investment and funding decisions.

RISK & ASSURANCE METHODS

Risk-based review scoping | Financial statement & GL review | Transaction testing & reconciliation | Exception and anomaly analysis | Compliance testing | Evidence documentation | Stakeholder interviews & constructive challenge | Management reporting | Recommendation development | Data-enabled monitoring

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MSc Energy Studies (Energy Economics) | University of Ibadan, Centre for Petroleum, Energy Economics & Law | 2017-2018

BSc Economics, Second Class Upper | Afe Babalola University | 2010-2014

Associate Member (ACTI) | Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria

Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) | Examination preparation in progress

Additional training: Python for Data Science (IBM/Coursera); Mathematics for Machine Learning

TECHNOLOGY & ANALYTICS

Advanced Excel | Power Query | SQL | Python (pandas) | SAP ERP | Financial modelling | Data cleansing & reconciliation | Benford's Law / anomaly screening | NetLogo

INDUSTRY & REGULATORY EXPOSURE

Government & public sector | Tax administration & regulatory compliance | Financial investigations | Energy & utilities | Financial-services analysis | Virtual assets & digital economy

RESEARCH & INTERNATIONAL DISTINCTION

Co-authored research on investment risk, trust and institutional design using agent-based modelling; invited to present the work at the University of Groningen, Netherlands.

NEW ZEALAND MOBILITY

Actively preparing to relocate to New Zealand. Open to Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and other locations for a strong fit. Employer-supported New Zealand work authorisation required.