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## Top Skills

Certified Information Security  
Manager (CISM)

Product Development

Product Management

## Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)

## Certifications

ISO 27001 Lead Implementer -  
Information Security Certification

Microfinance Certified Member  
(MCIB)

## Honors-Awards

Chevron Nigeria National  
Scholarship

# Anechile Okoaye, MSc

Technical Product Manager | Payments Specialist | Project &  
Program Manager | Scrum Master | Process Engineer | PECB  
ISO-27001 Lead Implementer | MCIB, CIBN

Lagos State, Nigeria

## Summary

A versatile Payments Specialist with expertise in Commercial Banking, Investment Banking, and Microfinance, specializing in Credit and Loans. Skilled in Strategic Business Operations and Project Management, with a focus on software development, infrastructure, enterprise solutions, and cloud architecture. Trained in Strategic Innovation, Design Thinking, Decision Quality, and Decision Analysis. Proficient in driving business transformation through Change Management, Risk Management, Business Analysis, Process Design, and Automation, delivering a comprehensive and technology-driven approach to holistic business management.

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## Experience

Sparkle Nigeria

5 years 7 months

Head of Product & Projects

November 2022 - Present (2 years 3 months)

Lagos State, Nigeria

Duties Include

- Lead product vision and strategy, aligning with organizational goals.
- Tech Team Operations Lead - Cybersecurity, Information Security, Business Continuity, Technology Governance and Process Engineering and Automation
- Drive product development with a focus on mobile apps, and core banking solutions focusing on Payments (Cards Issuing and Acquiring, P2P and other VAS payment styles such as payment links, group payments, automated payments, credit, investments etc.)
- Managing cross-functional teams such as technical teams and other product stakeholder teams such as marketing, sales, customer experience in delivering holistically built products for customers
- B2B, B2C and B2B2C API integrations management and solutions
- Open Banking framework product development and champion

- Oversee the software development lifecycle (SDLC) for all projects through Agile Methodologies in Project Management
- Manage integrations with Core Banking Application (CBA), Card Management Systems (CMS), VISA API, Credit Engine integration for Loans, Flywheel Implementation for Loyalty Programs and NIBSS for cross-platform P2P Payment routing.
- Spearhead ISO 27001 and PCI-DSS recertifications, ensuring compliance across all projects.

### Senior Technical Product Manager

February 2021 - November 2022 (1 year 10 months)

Lagos, Nigeria

#### Duties Include

- Project and Product Management of the Sparkle Mobile App development
- Management of implementation and integration of Core Banking Application(CBA)
- Management of implementation and integration to Card Management System(CMS) to integrate VAS for cards such as Dynamic-CVV, Visa Transaction Controls, Visa Risk Manager Module, Card Controls, Application of MCC in Card Security etc.
- Management and implementation and integration of VISA API card services
- Management and implementation of NIBSS integration for BVN Validation(other Parties), BVN Validation (Restful- For Commercial Banks) and NIP(Name Enquiry service and Interbank transfers service)
- Project Implementation in view of PCI-DSS certification
- Project Management of ISO-27001 certification as ISMS Lead Implementer
- Loyalty and Rewards Program
- Credit Decision Engine and Credit Products (Lending and financing)
- Designed and Delivered Business Banking Solutions (payroll, taxation, invoicing and inventory)
- Virtual Accounts Payment Collection Systems (Instant payment gratification - payment collections for businesses)

### Technical Product Manager

July 2019 - February 2021 (1 year 8 months)

Lagos State, Nigeria

#### Duties include

- Project and Product Management of the Sparkle Mobile App development
- Management of implementation and integration of Core Banking Application(CBA) for scalable innovative banking features such as savings and investments, credit etc.

- Management of implementation and integration to Card Management System(CMS) to deliver physical and virtual debit, credit and prepaid cards to customers
- Management and implementation and integration of VISA API card services
- Management and implementation of NIBSS integration for BVN Validation(other Parties), BVN Validation (Restful- For Commercial Banks) and NIP (Name Enquiry service and Interbank transfers service)
- Lead project Implementation in view of PCI-DSS organizational certification
- Lead project Management of ISO-27001 certification as ISMS Lead Implementor to acquire organizational certification in Integrated Management Systems Certification (Information Security and Business Continuity)

## Sankore Investments

2 years 7 months

### Business Analyst

November 2018 - June 2019 (8 months)

Lagos State, Nigeria

Duties include

- Diagrammatic representation of products, features and concepts for Development Team
- Architectural documentation of products
- Development of User Stories/User Manuals for products
- Process Design for Software Development Environment
- Agile Project Management for projects such as web development of Wealth.ng and Wealth Black, both of which are products for both retail investment customers and HNI Investment customers.
- SCRUM Master- Project Risk Management- Task Management and Strategic Planning

## Project Delivery Manager / Project Manager, Technology

February 2018 - November 2018 (10 months)

Lagos State, Nigeria

Duties include the below;

- Product Support Management of Diamond Personal Banker or Conversational Banking Chatbot (ADA)
- Project Management for feature delivery and updates of Diamond Personal Banker (ADA)
- Project Management for the unreleased NSE (Nigerian Stock Exchange) IPO launch platform Project, titled WODIGO

- Project Management FCMB's Conversational Banking Chatbot and Personal Banker Platform (SHADE)
- Project Management of Sankore Product & Development team
- AGILE Project Management (SCRUM, KANBAN)
- Client Support Management for apps built to service and for 3rd party partners
- Strategic Innovation and Design thinking in relations to product management
- Internal Project Management (Enterprise Apps Deployment and Executions)
- Operations Management of technology- Technical Support Management

#### Project Manager, Technology (Head of Technology Unit)

December 2016 - February 2018 (1 year 3 months)

Lagos State, Nigeria

Driver of organization innovation through excellence in operational and project management

A list of job functions are below;

-Operations management through technology (Team Services Department as Head of the Technology Unit)

- Enterprise and Cloud solutions management for entire organization as well as its sister companies under which Ops and Technology management is unified.
- Technical Project Management e.g. Deployment of enterprise solutions, Deployment of network infrastructure, Deployment of Cloud architecture solutions tailored towards organizational efficiency.
- CRM Solutions architecture and management for business/marketing
- Helpdesk solutions architecture and management for Customer Service team through Microsoft Dynamics and Freshworks Suite (Freshdesk)
- Technical support team management
- Technical Asset management and Requirements management

#### Landmark Africa

##### Network Solutions Specialist

November 2014 - May 2016 (1 year 7 months)

Lagos State, Nigeria

Management of worldwide IT infrastructure and team. Duties include;

- Network Solutions Management and Project Management
- Asset Management- Project Management and Project Team Management
- Enterprise application management
- Technical support- External technical support and solutions management to serviced office clients

- Technical Infrastructure management for the Landmark Towers
- Technical planning and infrastructure deployment for the Landmark Groups Corporate Real estate arm
- Change management of technology at the Serviced Office arm of the Landmark Group.

## Landmark Africa

### IT Support Specialist

October 2010 - September 2013 (3 years)

Lagos State, Nigeria

Project Management Systems

Project Risk Management

Network Design

Network Security

Network Management

Software and Hardware integration

Software and Hardware Security

Research and IT Solutions Consultancy

Vendor Management

## Guaranty Trust

### IT Personnel

February 2007 - September 2007 (8 months)

Lagos State, Nigeria

Network and Hardware Management

Remote Assistance and Control of IT infrastructure for Island and Mainland branches

Network design

Software deployment and management

Infrastructural deployment

General technical support

Remote assistance and support management

## Omatek Ventures Limited

### IT Trainee

June 2005 - October 2005 (5 months)

Lagos State, Nigeria

- Assisted in hardware assembly, software integration, and troubleshooting tasks.

## Education

### Stanford University

Professional Certification, Strategic Decision and Risk  
Management · (2014 - 2015)

### Keller Graduate School of Management of DeVry University

Master's degree, Network and Communications Management · (July  
2013 - October 2014)

### Covenant University

Bachelor of Engineering B.Eng.), Computer Engineering · (September  
2003 - June 2010)