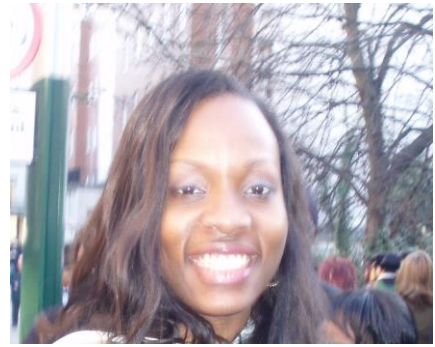


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Since the midpoint of the 20th Century, asset management (AM) has become a well-established practice in urban water utilities in developed countries. Countries like UK, USA, and Australia are continuously improving their AM practices to a level of excellence and are have also produced a lot of successful AM case-studies where utilities new to the AM process can learn from. Established successful case-studies in these countries have occurred as a result



of the existence of sound regulatory, institutional and legislative platforms. Gaining insights on how to transfer legacies from Countries with successful AM cases to developing countries like Nigeria where regulatory, institutional and legislative platforms are questionable and vague, justifies the relevance of my research “Improving the performance of Nigerian Urban Water Utilities using asset management practices”.

Thus, the research intends to develop a framework that guides Nigerian water Urban Utilities on how they can manage their assets (i.e. human, financial, physical and information assets) for delivering improved water services. My fieldwork in Nigeria will be centred on data collection and interviews with staff involved in coordinating, managing and delivering urban water services.

Studying in the school of civil engineering has provided an opportunity to network with PhD students from diverse backgrounds with innovative research projects. Water@leeds also provides a great platform for water-related researchers in the University to network with academia from around the globe. The seminars and talks organised by Water@leeds are very insightful due the quality of water related professional and academia featured.