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SUMMARY STATEMENT

Dedicated interdisciplinary researcher and consultant with extensive experience in small-scale fisheries, socio-ecological systems, climate change adaptations, gender and development, IUU fishing, local conservation, traditional ecological knowledge, policy, governance and project management.

EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

University of British Columbia	Ph.D. August 2026 (In progress)	Oceans and Fisheries
University of Bremen	M.Sc. 2019	Aquatic Tropical Ecology
Lagos State University	B.Sc. 2012	Fisheries

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Graduate Research Assistant: Fisheries Economic Research Unit, University of British Columbia, Canada.	2022-Present
Graduate Research Assistant: West Africa Case Study, Food Climate Bio-diversity Project, University of British Columbia, Canada	2022-Present
Project Manager: Go 1 School, Germany	2021-2022
Researcher: The Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT), Bremen, Germany	2018-2019
Research Assistant: University of Lagos, Department of Marine Science, Lagos, Nigeria	2015-2016
Director: Talent in Lagos State Community Project	2015-Present

Mentorship, and Supervision

Conducting research, mentoring, and coordinating undergraduate students' projects

University of British Columbia, Canada

Biology Undergraduate Research Mentor	2022-2025
Adjudicator: Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Conference	2023-2024

RESEARCH COLLABORATION EXPERIENCES

The Nature Conservancy

Researcher: Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries (GAFS) Project, Gender Equity in Freshwater Fisheries
2024-2026

- Assisted in designing desk review plans for three deliverables
- Compiled and organized over 600 project-related references
- Contributed to completing three deliverables on global gender assessment, seven country-level analyses, and institutional assessments to advance gender equity in freshwater fisheries

Researcher/Consultant: Illuminating Hidden Harvests Project, a collaboration between the FAO, World Fish, and Duke University

2022-2025

- Supported the gender dimension of the Illuminating Hidden Harvests Project
- Compiled and organized a comprehensive list of over 200 project-related references
- Authored a reference bibliography to complement responses from over 20 country partners for a qualitative survey
- Orchestrated secondary data collection and management for the IHH case studies
- Facilitated effective communication and managed correspondence regarding project-related queries with the IHH global team

Researcher: Too Big to Ignore Global Network

2022-2025

- Spearheaded the planning and coordination of fieldwork and data collection for a diagnostic survey
- Reviewed and provided critical feedback on draft reports prior to submission
- Co-authored a paper and developed the script for a video titled "Understanding Vulnerability of Urban Waterfront Communities to Rapid Development: The Case of Lagos Lagoon, Nigeria."
- Co-researched and contributed to the development of the book "Our Connection to Life"

Research Assistant: University of Lagos, Department of Marine Science, Lagos State, Nigeria

2015-2016

- Contributed to research initiatives focused on Land-Ocean Interactions in the Coastal Zones (LOIZ)
- Participated in studies investigating the impact of climate and erosion on the livelihoods of fisherfolk

Grants

West Africa Case Study: SSHRC Grant through the Food Climate Bio-diversity Project, University of British Columbia, Canada (105,000CAD)

2022-Present

- Contributed to the gender dimension of the project, ensuring inclusivity
- Developed linkages between quantitative and qualitative methodologies to address diverse social and ecological contexts
- Produced inclusive and systematic approaches for understanding solution-oriented knowledge on climate change and IUU fishing with local fisherfolk and stakeholders
- Conducted participatory workshops and focus group discussions to foster active engagement between researchers and knowledge users in co-creating and sharing knowledge
- Mentorship of master's students at Lagos State University

Robin Rigby Foundation through Saint Mary University / International Development Research Centre (IDRC, Canada) funded exploratory program on Gendered Dimension of Climate Change and IUU Vulnerabilities in Africa (34,000CAD)

2022-Present

- Co-designed, coordinated field work
- Led proposal-writing, monthly and final project reporting
- Designed and executed empirical research on the gendered dimensions of climate change and IUU fishing vulnerabilities in Cameroon and Nigeria
- Pioneered gender-responsive, participatory action research, and a transdisciplinary approach to investigate the resilience and adaptation strategies of small-scale fisheries (SSF) fisherfolk to climate change
- Led the design and coordinated a survey of over 400 fisherfolk in coastal communities across Cameroon and Nigeria
- Provided comprehensive assistance and support for scheduling project meetings, accurately recording key points, actions, and minutes, and performing general project administration
- Co-facilitated a two-day stakeholder meeting in Nigeria

Award to Support Publishing Journal Articles on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries (GAFS) of the Asian Fisheries Society, run down to the 8th Global Conference on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries (5,000USD)

2021-2024

- Led comprehensive desk review reports
- Led proposal writing and developed a scholarly article examining multi-dimensional perspectives on taboos and gender roles among fisherfolk in the Global South

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Reis-Filho., J.A. and **Oloko, A.** 2026. Invisible Climate Allies: How Shellfish Gatherers Contribute to a Low-Carbon Blue Economy. Net Zero Emissions - A Roadmap to Carbon Neutrality. IntechOpen <https://doi.org/10.5772/intechopen.1015834>
- Boylan, S., Manohar, S., Ambikapathi, R., Fabila, M., Cubillo, B., Mauli, S., Lukanga, E., **Oloko, A.** and Fanzo, J., 2026. Resilient futures: Acknowledging the shared challenges of early career food system researchers in uncertain times. *Global Food Security*, 48, p.100901
- Harper, S.J., Williams, M., Kleiber, D., Axelrod, M., Mangubhai, S., Torell, E., Macho, G., Fakoya, K., Gopal, N., Ojea, E. Lawless, S., Franz, N., de la Torre-Castro, M., Deeg, C., **Oloko, A.**, Atkins, M., Basurto, X., Soejima, K., Ferrer, A., Cisneros, M., Guand Lawless, S., Pedroza-Gutiérrez, C., Choudhury, A., Siegelman, B., Duffy-Tumasz, A., Fröcklin, S., Gee, J., Kusakabe, K., Appiah, S., Manyungwa-Pasani, C., Virdin, J., Sadruddin Sutaria, S., Siyanbola, A., and McDougall, C. 2026. Designing gender-inclusive data systems in small-scale fisheries. *Ambio*, 55(2), pp.245-259.
- **Oloko, A.**, Dahmouni, I., Le Billon, P., Teh, L., Cheung, W., Sánchez-Jiménez, A., Issifu, I. and Sumaila, U.R., 2025. Gender dynamics, climate change threats and illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing. *Discover Sustainability*, 6(1), p.494
- Fakoya, K., Saba, A., **Oloko, A.**, Akintola, S., Ajelara, K., Abiodun-Solanke, A., Olasope, M. and Olabamiji, I., 2025. Enhancing fisheries development in sub-Saharan Africa: The role of participatory processes and cross-disciplinary strategies in research. *Oceanography*
- **Oloko, A.**, Harper, S., Fakoya, K. et al. 2024. The multi-dimensional perspectives of taboos on gender roles of fisherfolk in the Global South. *Maritime Studies* 23, 1. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40152-023-00340-2>
- **Oloko, A.**, Teh, L., Le Billon, P., Cheung, W., Harper, S. and Sumaila, U.R., 2024. Making the case for gender-inclusive fisheries governance, policies and climate adaptation. *Discover Oceans*, 1(1), p.33
- **Oloko, A.**, Teh, L., Harper, S., Fakoya, K. and Elegbede, I.O., 2024. The plight of female fish traders in fish-for-sex transactions in Sub-Saharan Africa. *SPC Women Fisher Info Bull*, 40.

- Rice, E D, Gondwe, E, Bennett, AE, Okanga, P A, Osho-Abdulgafar, NF, Fakoya, K, **Oloko, A**, Harper, S, Kawaye, PC, Chuku, EO., & Smith, H. 2024. The future of gender research in small-scale fisheries: Priorities and pathways or advancing gender equity. *Fish and Fisheries*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/faf.12814>
- Kaikkonen, L., Shellock, R.J., Selim, S.A., Ojwala, R.A., Dias, B.S., Li, S., Addey, C.I., Gianelli, I., Maltby, K.M., Garcia-Morales, S., Palacios-Abrantes, J., Jiang, S., Albo-Puigserver, M., Garcia Alonso, V., Baker, C., Bove, C., Brodie, S., Dahler, L., Das, J., Dunne, A., Johannesen, E., Jung, J., Merayo Garcia, E., Karcher, D., Mahadeo, S., Lawal, K., **Oloko, A.**, Ortega-Cisneros, K., Roy, D., Sharmin Rouf, S., Smoliński, S., Vaidianu, N., Whidden, C., and Strand, M. 2024. Fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion in interdisciplinary marine science. *npj Ocean Sustainability*, 3(1), p.49
- Harper S, Kleiber D, Appiah S, Atkins M, Bradford K, Choudhury A, Cohen PJ, de la Puente S, de la Torre-Castro M, Duffy-Tumas A, Fakoya K, Fent A, Frocklin S, Gopal N, Gough C, Gustavsson M, Hapke H.M., Hellebrandt, L., Ferrer, A.J., Johnson, J.L, Kusakabe, K, Lawless, S, Macho, G, Mangubhai, S, Manyungwa-Pasani C, McDougall C, Ojea E, **Oloko A**, Pedroza C, Randrianjafimanana T, Rasoloniriana R, Robson L, Romeo C, Salgueiro-Otero D, Snyder H, Soejima K. Towards gender inclusivity and equality in small-scale fisheries. In: FAO, Duke University & WorldFish. 2023. Illuminating Hidden Harvests: the contributions of small-scale fisheries to sustainable development. Rome, FAO; Durham, USA, Duke University; Penang, Malaysia, WorldFish
- Elegbede, I.O., Akintola, S.L., Jimoh, A.A., Jolaosho, T., Godfrey, S.S., Oliveira, A., Oladosu, A., Ramalho, D.C., Moruf, R.O., Afolabi, S., and Oloko, A. 2023. Blue Economy (Sustainability). In: Idowu S, Schmidpeter R, Capaldi N, Zu L, Del Baldo M, Abreu R. (eds) Encyclopedia of Sustainable Management. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-02006-4_401-1
- Elegbede, I., MaxemilieNgo-Massou, V., Kies, F., Lekan, J.T., Deepeeka, Kaullysing., Al Jufaili, S.M., and **Oloko, A.** 2023. Marine and Coastal Resources. In: Idowu S, Schmidpeter R, Capaldi N, Zu L, Del Baldo M, Abreu R. (eds) Encyclopedia of Sustainable Management. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-02006-4_304-1
- **Oloko, A.**, Teh, L., Harper, S. and Fakoya, K., 2023. Making a case for stopping IUU fishing in global south countries. *SPC Women Fish Inform Bull*, 38, pp.27-8
- **Oloko, A.**, Fakoya, K., Ferse, S. Breckwoldt, A. and Harper, S. 2022. The Challenges and Prospects of Women Fisherfolk in Makoko, Lagos State, Nigeria. Coastal Management DOI: 10.1080/08920753.2022.2022969
- Fakoya, K., **Oloko, A.**, Harper, S. 2022. Understanding Vulnerability of Urban Waterfront Communities to Rapid Development: The Case of Lagos Lagoon, Nigeria. In: Jentoft, S., Chuenpagdee, R., Bugeja Said, A., Isaacs, M. (eds) Blue Justice. MARE Publication Series, vol 26. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-89624-9_24
- **Oloko, A.**, Fakoya, K. and Harper, S., 2021. Taboos as cultural challenges encountered by women fisherfolk in some coastal fishing communities in Nigeria. *SPC Women in Fisheries Information Bulletin*, 33, pp.48-49

Manuscript (Under Review)

- **Oloko, A.**, Billon, P.L., Akintola, S.L., Dahmouni, I., Oyinlola, M.A., Ayilu, R.K., Teh, L., Cheung, W., Mangubhai, S., Okafor-Yarwood, I. and Garcia-Lorenzo, I., 2026. The Gendered Impacts of Climate Change on Fisherfolk: Evidence from Nigeria and Cameroon
- Lorenzo, I., Skerritt, D., Pascual-Fernández, J., Chea, R., Tan, S., Li, Y., **Oloko, A.**, López de la Lama, R., Monroy, P.S. and Silva, AM. "The role of local communities and organisations in enhancing accountability in small-scale fisheries" In: Handbook of Transparency and Accountability in Natural Resource Governance: Small-scale Fisheries

PEER-REVIEWING

Coastal Management Journal | Discover Oceans | Maritime Studies | Frontiers in Marine Science | Frontiers in Sustainable Food System | Human Ecology | Marine System and Ocean Technology | Marine and Fishery Science | Nature Partner Journals | Geoforum |

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS

- Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries Section (AFS) of the Asian Fisheries Society
- Too Big To Ignore (TBTI)
- International Institute of Fisheries Economics and Trade (IIFET)
- Organization of Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD)
- Women In Climate Research Africa

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- **Oloko, A.** 2026. Vulnerability and Resilience of fisherfolk to Climate Change, IUU Fishing and Gender Roles. Evidence from Cameroon and Nigeria. Voices From the Coast, Just Security Dialogue, United Kingdom
- Edet, U., **Oloko, A.**, Okwei, R. 2026. Climate Change at the Intersection of Food Systems, Urban Informality and Fisherfolk Communities. International Development Research Centre, Universities Canada
- **Oloko, A.**, Le Billon, P., Akintola, S., Dahmouni, I., Oyinlola, M., Teh, L., Cheung, W., Akinkunmi, O., U. R. Sumaila et al. 2025. Climate Change's Gendered Impact on Fisher Folk Livelihoods: Evidence from Nigeria and Cameroon. Presentation at the GAF9 - the 9th Global Conference on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries on "Transforming Aquaculture and Fisheries for Gender Justice" to be held from 1-3 October 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand
- Fakoya, K., Medard, M., **Oloko, A.**, Williams, M., Gopal, N., Doughty, C and Brugere, C. 2025. Equity In Freshwaters: Addressing Gendered Gaps from Subsistence to Commercial Fishing in Sub-Saharan Africa. Presentation at the GAF9 - the 9th Global Conference on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries on "Transforming Aquaculture and Fisheries for Gender Justice" held from 1-3

October 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand

- **Oloko, A.** 2024. Making the Case for Gender-Inclusive Fisheries Governance, Policies and Climate Adaptation. 9th World Fish Congress, United States of America
- **Oloko, A.** 2023. Assessing the Vulnerability and Resilience of Women Fisherfolk to Climate Change in Makoko, Lagos State, Nigeria. Think solutions Think small-scale fisheries Infinity fish Food-Climate-Biodiversity, Vancouver, Canada
- **Oloko, A.** 2023. Making a Case for Vulnerability and Viability in Fishing Households: Evidence from the Gulf of Guinea, West-Central Africa. Global Indigenous Youth Summit, Nigeria
- **Oloko, A.** 2022. The Challenges and Prospects of Women Fisher Folk in Makoko, Lagos State, Nigeria. 20th Biennial Conference of the International Institute of Fisheries Economics and Trade (IIFET), Spain
- **Oloko, A.** 2022. Institutional Constraints to Livelihood Security: A case study of Women Fisher folk from Makoko, Lagos State, Nigeria. 'Leading by Examples: Leaderships for Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries,' November 20 - 23, 2022, Cape Town, South Africa., South Africa
- Fakoya, K.A., **Oloko, A.** and Olabamiji I.O. 2022. A Gender Analysis of Small-Scale Fisheries - Nigeria Case Study. Paper Presented at the 8th Global Conference on 'Gender in Aquaculture & Fisheries' SHAPING THE FUTURE, Gender Justice for Sustainable Aquaculture and Fisheries, 21-23 November 2022, Kochi, India
- Fakoya, K., **Oloko, A.** and Harper, S. 2021. Understanding Vulnerability of Urban Waterfront Communities to Rapid Development: The Case of Lagos Lagoon, Nigeria. Paper presented at the Sixth International conference for Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (ICFAS 6) and Asian Fisheries Social Science Network Forum One (AFSSRN 1), 24-26 November 2021, via ZOOM, Miagao, Iloilo, Philippines
- **Oloko, A.** 2018. The Future is Bright; The Future is Women and Fisheries. Presented at the DAAD Scholarship Meeting Köln, Germany

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL COURSES AND WORKSHOPS PARTICIPATION

- GAF9 Pre-Conference Workshop: "GAF201 – Advanced Workshop on Gender Analysis in Aquaculture and Fisheries Research" held on 30 September 2025 at the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand
- Workshop on Methodology for Conducting Research in Indigenous Communities in Africa. Africa Indigenous Knowledge Research Network (AIKRN), Institute of African Studies, Carleton University. May 10-11, 2024 | Crown Plaza Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER AWARDS

- Faculty of Science Ph. D Tuition Award (27,500CAD): 2022- Present
- International Tuition Award (13,000CAD): 2022-Present
- President's Academic Excellence Initiative Ph. D Award (5,200CAD): 2022-Present
- Cosmos International Graduate Travel Award (6,500CAD): 2023
- Honorary Mention Award Prize for the Paper Titled-The Challenges and Prospects of Women Fisher folk in Makoko, Lagos State, Nigeria-Submitted to Rose Mary Fifth Prize Honorary Mention Prize for Best Gender Paper Competition. International Institute of Fisheries Economics and Trade (In kind): 2022
- Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) Government Scholarship Award, Germany for master's program, International Studies in Aquatic Tropical in Ecology, University of Bremen (20,000Euro): 2017-2019

BLOGS, INTERVIEWS AND WEBINARS

- Women fishers in Makoko, Lagos's 'floating slum', are struggling as breadwinners: education and funding would make a difference. [Ayodele Oloko – The Conversation](#) - 2024
- [Women fishers in Makoko, Lagos's 'floating slum', are struggling as breadwinners: education and funding would make a difference \(MODERN GHANA\)](#) -2024
- [Addressing gendered impacts of climate change and IUU in small-scale fisheries. Addressing gendered impacts of climate change and IUU in small-scale fisheries | Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries](#) -2025
- [Oloko, Ayodele | Graduate School at The University of British Columbia \(UBC\)](#) -2025
- [Gender dynamics, climate change threats and illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing | Solving FCB](#) -2025
- Gender dynamics, climate change threats and illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing - ICSF Digital Repository -2025
- Making the case for gender-inclusive fisheries governance, policies and climate adaptation - ICSF Digital Repository -2025

