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### Professional Profile

Dr Oni specializes in strategies for the registration of pesticides. Prior to joining Exponent, he gained experience in a regulatory consultancy as a scientific consultant and project manager.

Dr Oni draws on his expertise in biochemistry and environmental microbiology to support clients in the registration of pesticidal products of biological origin (e.g. microorganisms and natural compounds) as well as conventional chemical based products in the EU. Dr Oni supports clients through all stages of pesticide product registration and life cycle management.

### Academic Credentials & Professional Honors

Ph.D., Marine Microbiology and Biology, University of Bremen, Germany, 2015

M.Sc., Marine Microbiology and Biology, University of Bremen, Germany, 2012

B.Sc., Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Jacobs University, Bremen, Germany, 2010

### Prior Experience

Scientific Consultant and Project Manager, TSG Consulting - A Science Group Company, Germany and UK, 2017 - 2019

Scientific Consultant, Oakland Innovation – A Science Group Company, UK, 2019 – 2019 (4 months)

Research Scientist, University of Bremen, Germany, 2015 – 2017

### Publications

Aromokeye DA, Oni OE, Tebben J et al. Crystalline iron oxides stimulate methanogenic benzoate degradation in marine sediment-derived enrichment cultures. *The ISME Journal* 2021;5: 965–980.

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## Project Experience

Coordination of task forces

Management of multidisciplinary specialist project teams through dossier preparation, submission and post-submission support, including liaison with regulatory authorities for the approval and the renewal of approval for biological active substances in the EU.

Provision of registration and strategic support to clients seeking to register their biological pesticides and biostimulant products in Europe .

Development of microbiology training documents for food and beverage companies to be used by laboratories on production sites.

Supporting food and beverage companies in exploring new biotechnology options and potential technology partners for developing innovative products or improving existing brands.