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Sola Oduko is a Vice-President and IT & Strategy Director with Procept. Sola (pronounced “Shola”) is also the Director of African Operations, with profit and loss responsibility. Sola has over 20 years comprehensive experience in business and IS strategy formulation and implementation, budget development and administration, risk analysis and management, business process redesign, project and service management, contract negotiation, business continuity and disaster recovery management, using various best practice frameworks.

Sola managed the establishment of business analysis and business continuity programs, directed the incorporation and setup of Procept's subsidiary in Nigeria. Sola has designed and taught various project management courses, all aligned to the PMI's Guide to Project Management Body of Knowledge. He is the Lead Instructor for Managing Successful Information System Project, teaches The Comprehensive Project Management Seminar and other courses for corporate and public audiences including through our University partners.

As Information Systems Manager with a subsidiary of Diageo UK, Sola managed a team of 25 people comprising four project managers and one IT operations manager, and he controlled a budget in excess of \$4 million. He chaired and facilitated workshops, seminars and conferences; established project organizations and governance structures in all IT related projects and programs; assisted procurement and legal departments in the review, evaluation and negotiation of IT contracts.

Selected project management achievements include: the selection of Siebel for sales force automation effectiveness and outlet management database; the conversion of conversion of Sun Accounts and Sun Business software from ISAM Novell Netware 3.12 platform onto Oracle 8i database; the conversion of users from Lotus SmartSuite software to Microsoft Office systems, Novell Netware 3.12 to Windows NT 4.0, for over 450 users; the Ethernet installation of over 1500 service points for data, voice and video networks, construction of three modern data centers, installation of two satellite dishes across four sites; the business process redesign and re-implementation of Sunsystems (Sun Accounts and Sun Business) software and the replacement of Shire plant maintenance software with Maximo computerized maintenance management system using Crystal Reporting Software.

Sola holds the ISEB ITIL Expert accreditation in IT Service Management, as well as bachelor and master degrees in computer sciences, and a second master's degree in business administration. He is a member of various professional associations including the IT Service Management Forum, Canadian Information Processing Society, British Computer Society/Engineering Council, UK, and Project Management Institute. Sola is designated as a Project Management Professional, a Business Continuity Management Practitioner, an Information Systems Professional and a Chartered Engineer.