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Samatar OMAR ELMI currently holds the position of Chief ICT Specialist at the African Development Bank (AfDB). In this regard, he manages a diversified portfolio of digital projects across the continent. These projects concern investment operations, technical assistances to fill policy, strategic, regulatory gaps, etc.

By way of illustration, it is worth noting the CAB (Central Africa Backbone) project which aims, among others, to interconnect through fiber optic links Central African countries and TSB (Trans Saharan Backbone) project which main purpose is to fill missing (fiber optic) links from North to South (Algiers-Lagos) and East-West (Djibouti-Dakar).

In addition, he has also led the design, execution and completion of dozens of policy, strategic, regulatory analytical works and numerous feasibility studies which have resulted in investment operations in a dozen countries located in West, Central, North and East of the continent. He holds an Engineering degree from Telecom Saint-Etienne (France) and Master in Economics and International Development of University of Clermont-Ferrand-I (France)".