

MODESTE AGONNOUDE

Chief Information Officer (CIO) | Chief Technology Officer (CTO)

Digital Transformation • IT & AI Strategy • Cloud • Cybersecurity • Energy & Infrastructure • Emerging Markets

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EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Senior technology and digital transformation leader — **30+ years** across energy, infrastructure, and regulated industries. Former **CDIO, ENGIE Business Unit Africa** (20 countries, €800M+ revenue environment, \$25M budget, 50+ team, Africa Executive Committee member), with a dual mandate as **Chief of Staff to the CEO Africa** (2015–2018). Expert in IT & AI strategy and governance, cloud and data platforms, and cybersecurity governance. Consistent record — **\$10M cost savings, \$20M+ revenue enablement, zero major compliance incidents** — converting technology decisions into board-level business cases across Europe and Africa.

CORE EXPERTISE

IT Strategy & Governance • Enterprise Architecture • AI & Agentic AI Strategy, Governance & Use-Case Prioritization • Data & AI Governance • Cybersecurity & Compliance (ISO 27001, GDPR, NIS2) • Cloud & Infrastructure (AWS, Azure, GCP) • ERP/CRM (SAP, Salesforce, Oracle, Odoo, Dynamics) • Vendor Management, FinOps & Strategic Sourcing • M&A Technology Due Diligence • Public-Private Partnerships • Multi-country Governance (Africa & Europe) • Executive Leadership & Board Communication

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RMS INTERNATIONAL GROUP — Founder & CEO / Group CIO & CTO

2024 – Present

Europe & West Africa | Energy, EdTech, Enterprise Software, Infrastructure Connectivity | www.grouperms.com

- Launched RMS Digital & Technology Academy (EdTech) — 500+ active learners in year one (cloud-native LMS, certification engine, Mobile Money payments).
- Built an energy-digital advisory practice (CIO-as-a-Service) serving 4 B2B clients across Benin, Togo, and France.
- Designed group-wide IT governance (security, vendor management, FinOps, SLA) aligned with ISO 27001 / GDPR from inception.

RMS IMPACT (RMS International Group initiative) — Founder & Chairman

09/2024 – Present

- Energy-water-internet access infrastructure for underserved communities (PPP-based, SDG 6/7/9). Active programs in Benin and Togo; US fundraising, China manufacturing partnerships, West African deployment. www.rmsimpact.org

ENGIE SA — Business Unit Africa | Chief Digital & Information Officer (CDIO)

2018 – 2024

20 countries | €800M+ revenue | \$25M budget | 50+ team | Reports to CEO Africa | Africa ExCo member

- Consolidated 6 legacy platforms into a unified B2B suite — time-to-market for new energy contracts down 35%, integration costs down \$4M/year.
- \$10M cumulative IT cost savings (automation, FinOps); +40% service availability; full GDPR / ISO 27001 / NIS2 compliance, zero major incidents over 6 years.
- Deployed Salesforce CRM and SAP S/4HANA across 6 countries (+22% B2B contract renewals); SDSI master plan adopted as Group reference model for Africa.

ENGIE SA — CDIO & Chief of Staff to the CEO Africa

2015 – 2018

- Generated \$20M+ in new opportunities via public-private partnership frameworks for smart-grid and energy-IT modernization across 4 African markets.
- Led board-level technology investment cases; accelerated regulated market entry by 18 months in 2 countries.

ENGIE CONSULTING — Finance, Strategy & Technology Consultant

2008 – 2015

Europe | Energy & regulated industries

- Deployed SAP S/4HANA for 3 Tier-1 utilities (€4B+ combined revenue) — financial close cut from 12 to 7 days, €1.2M saved annually.
- Technology due diligence on 2 M&A transactions in the European energy sector; +25% process efficiency across 5 transformation programs.

BULL SA (Atos Group) — Group CIO & Program Director

2000 – 2008

- Managed 50 IT experts and a \$25M budget; led enterprise IT strategy and major transformation programs in large-scale, business-critical environments.
- Hybrid cloud modernization (–35% downtime, –15% carbon); established SOC cutting MTTD from 72h to <6h; delivered 8 programs (€60M+) at 87% on-time/on-budget.

ORANGE BUSINESS — Project Manager, IT & Telecom (various assignments)

1996 – 2000

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

CTO Executive Program — MIT Professional Education

2024

Cloud Computing Strategy — Texas McCombs School of Business

2023

MBA International Business — École des Ponts Business School

2012

M.Sc. Computer Engineering — CNAM Paris

1996

PMP • ISO 27001 • ITIL v4 • DevSecOps • SASE • Green IT • MCSE • Cloud (AWS, Azure, GCP)

Cloud: AWS, Azure, GCP | Data/AI: Python, SQL, IBM Watson, Power BI | ERP/CRM: SAP, Salesforce, Oracle, Dynamics, Odoo | Security: ISO 27001, GDPR, NIS2, SASE, Zero Trust

International mobility • Board and Executive Committee roles • Resume available in French upon request