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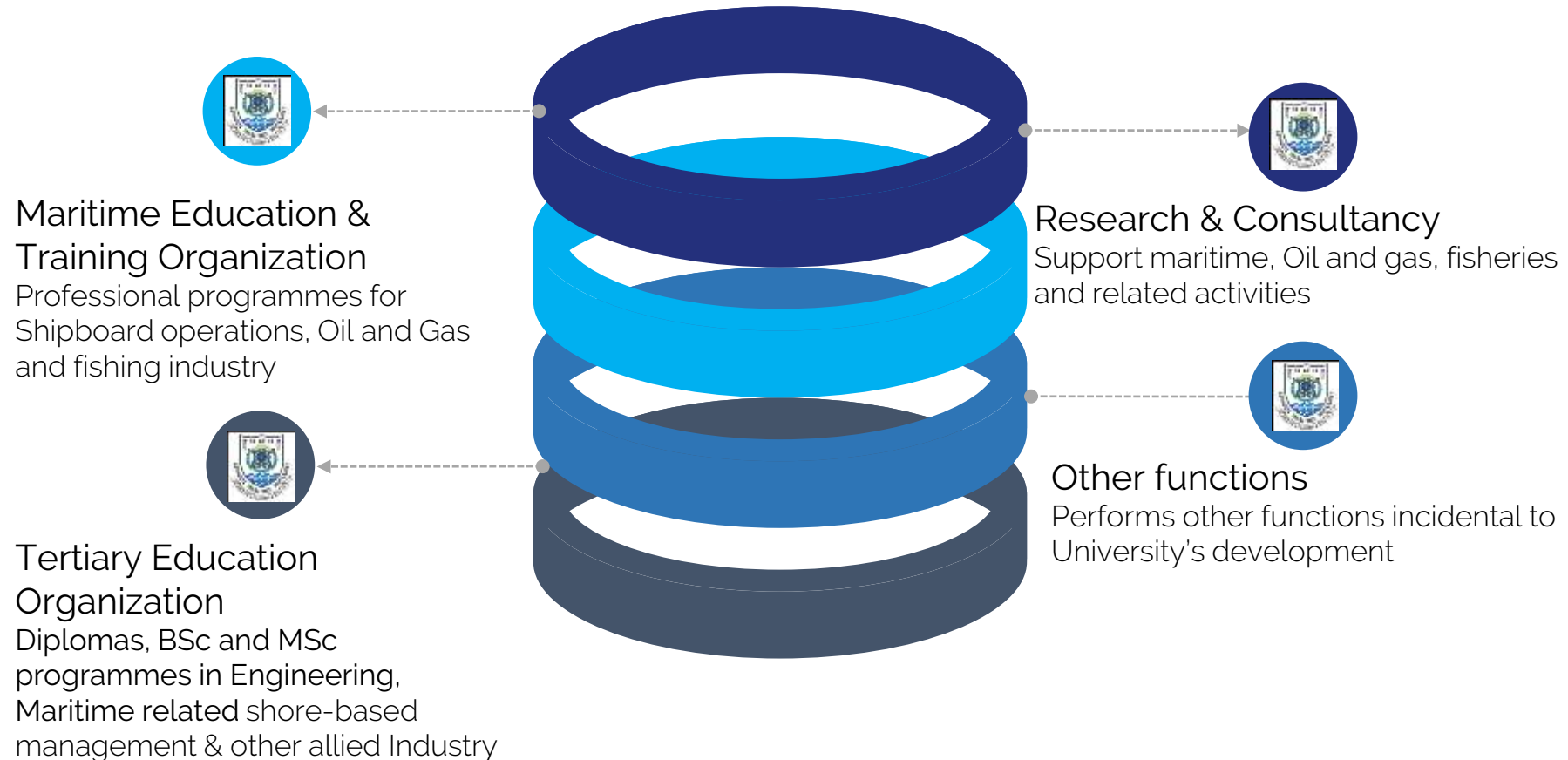
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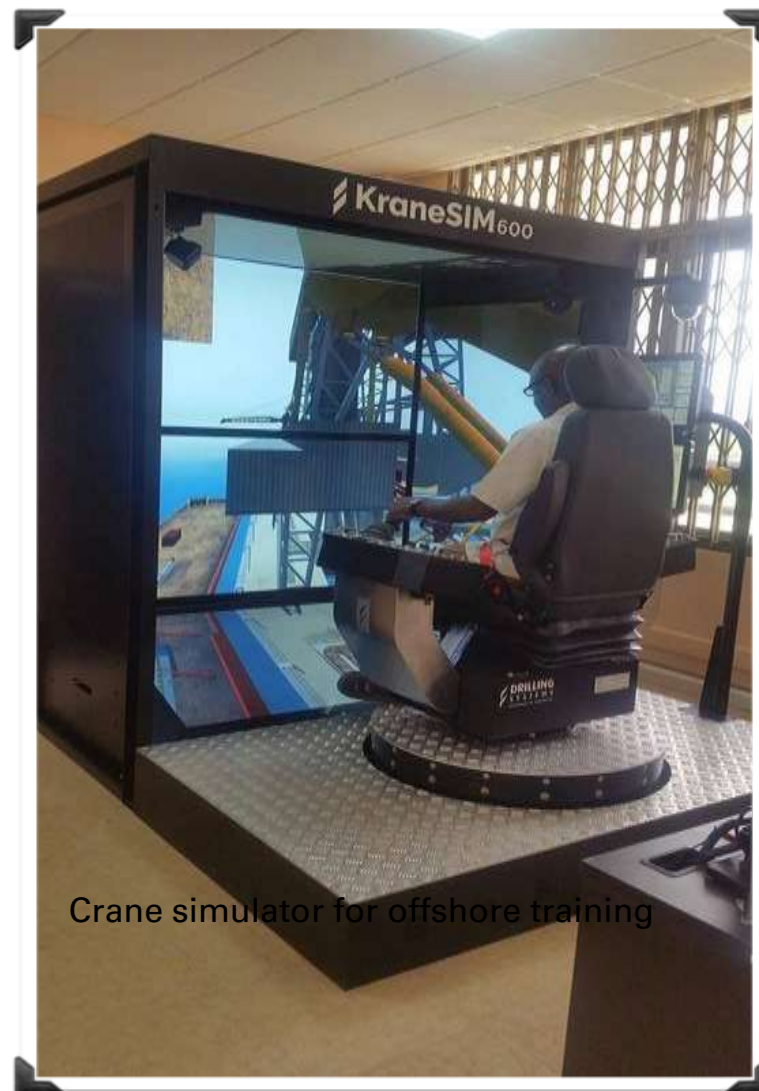
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**AN INTEGRATED  
FUZZY MULTIPLE  
CRITERIA  
DECISION-  
MAKING MODEL  
FOR THE  
SELECTION OF  
TUGBOATS IN  
PORTS IN WEST  
AFRICA**

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# Agenda

- Introduction
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# Introduction

Tugboats are small boats that are used to maneuver larger vessels by pushing or pulling them with a towline or by direct contact

Tugboats allow for faster and safer port maneuvering, resulting in a speedier flow of commodities through the port



# Problem Statement

Tugboat selection for suitable operation in ports is a difficult problem that necessitates the simultaneous evaluation of several criteria

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# Critical Review

Fuzzy-AHP for the Selection of a Suitable Tugboat Based on Propulsion System Type  
Fuzzy VIKOR Method for the Evaluation and Selection of a Suitable Tugboat

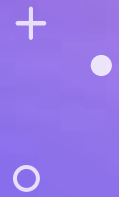
# Critical Review

## Fuzzy-AHP for the Selection of a Suitable Tugboat Based on Propulsion System Type

- Architecture, operational and financial parameters
- The propulsion or maneuvering systems used in tugboats were examined
- A fuzzy analytical hierarchy process was used to generate an algorithm for the selection

## Fuzzy VIKOR Method for the Evaluation and Selection of a Suitable Tugboat

- Specifications for tugboats were accessed by subject experts
- Fuzzy Shannon Entropy was used to measure the weights of each criterion and Fuzzy VIKOR was used to rank the alternatives
- Best tugboat was selected for effective decision making



# Tugboat Accidents

Analysis of accident for the development of an appropriate tug selection framework

# Tugboat Accidents - I

Tug capsizes in Frazer Rivers



North Arm Ventures Capsizes





# Tugboat Accidents - II



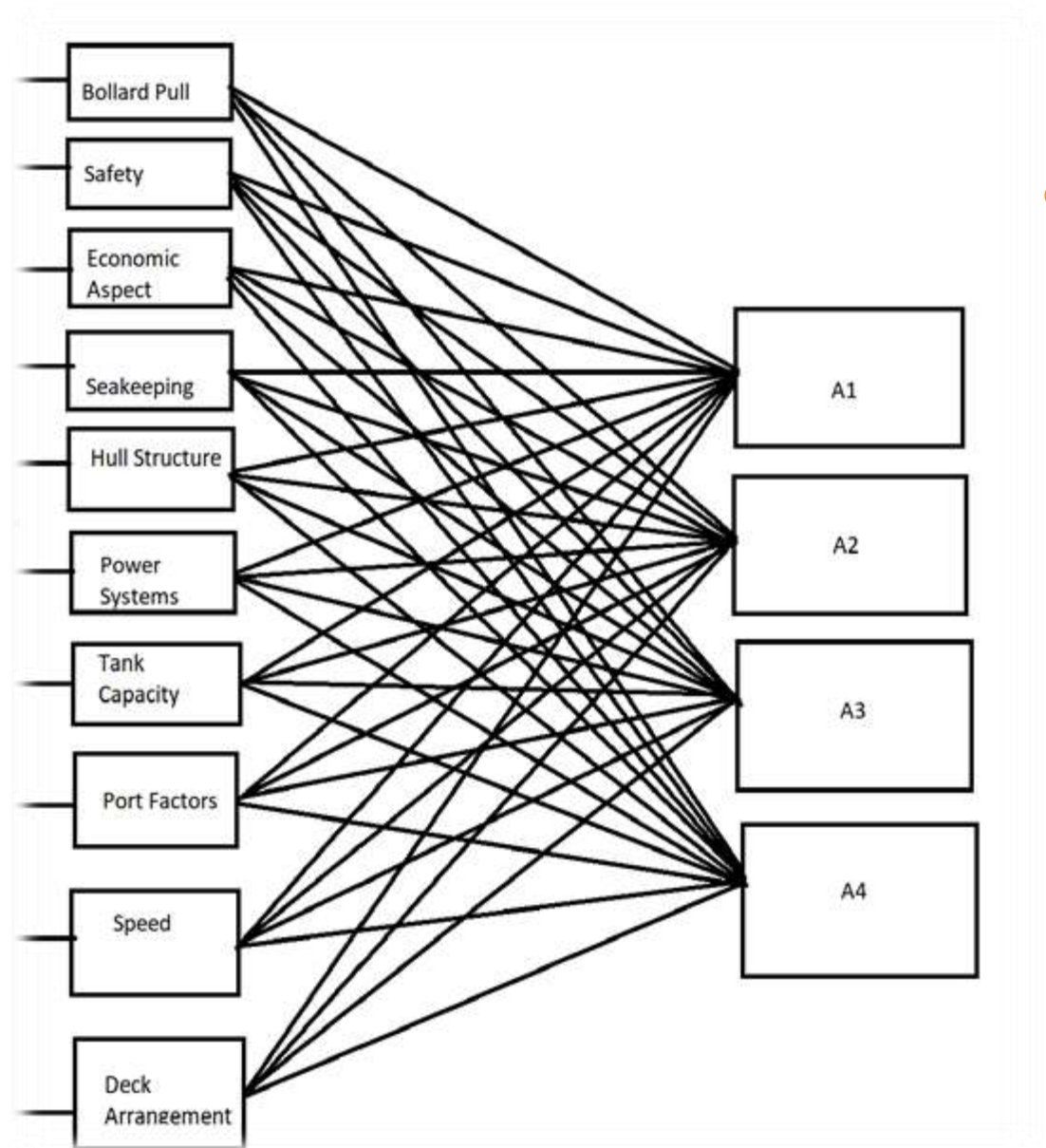
Stewards Tug Grounding



Fairplay 22 Tug Collapse



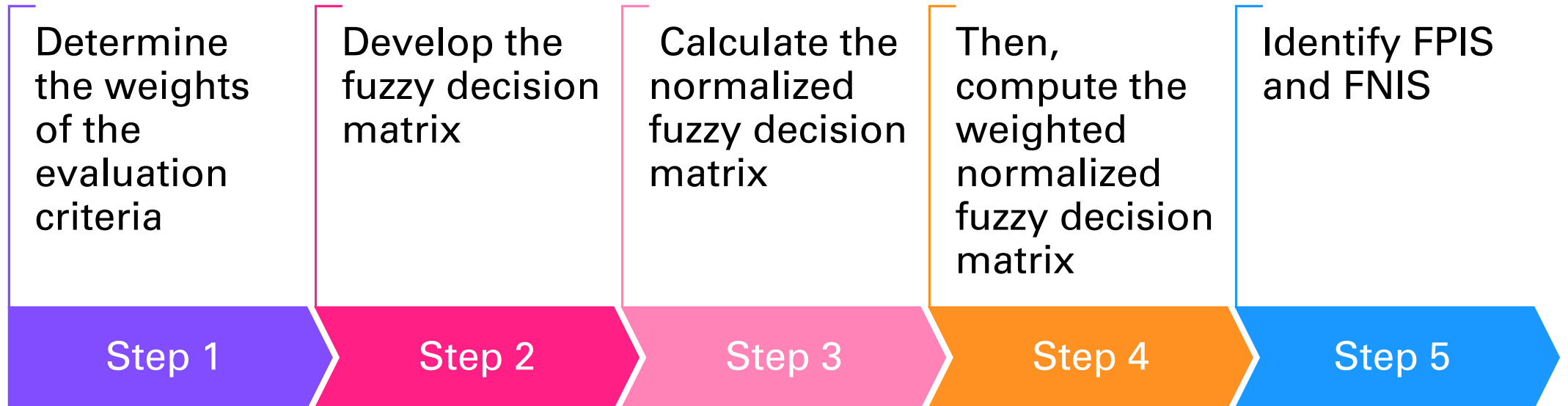
# Tugboat Selection



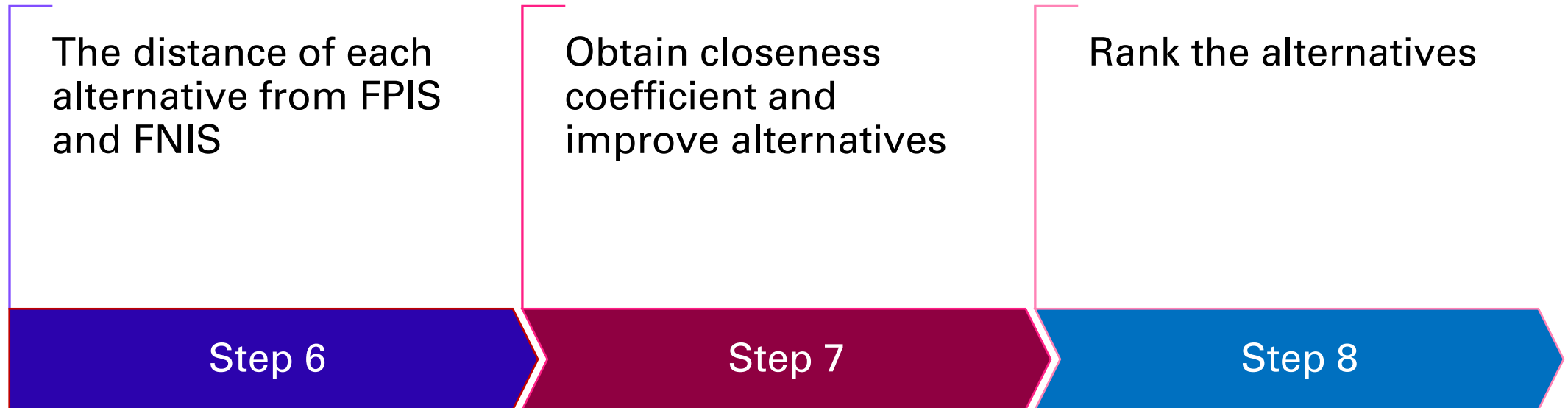
# Framework

	Criteria	Definitions
C1	Bollard pull	It is the measure of the pulling power of a tug
C2	Safety	Refers to the stability of the tug during towing operations
C3	Economic Aspect	Involves the initial investment cost and the overall operating costs of the tug
C4	Seakeeping	The ability of the tug to withstand adverse sea conditions
C5	Hull Structure	The characteristic design of the hull form including the size and the length
C6	Power Systems	Power systems are dependent on the propulsion systems whether mechanical, electrical or hybrid
C7	Tank Capacity	The volume or capacity of all the tanks on the tug
C8	Port factors	It includes the draft requirement, the geographical location and the technological equipment at ports
C9	Speed	The maximum and/ or service speed of the tug
C10	Deck arrangement	The size of the deck area and the arrangement or positions of the towing equipment

# Methodology - I



# Methodology - II



# Equations Step 4 - 7

$$\tilde{D} = \begin{matrix} & C_1 & \dots & C_n \\ A_1 & \bar{x}_{11} & \dots & \bar{x}_{1n} \\ \dots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_m & \bar{x}_{m1} & \dots & \bar{x}_{mn} \end{matrix}, i = 1, 2, \dots, m; j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\tilde{r}_{ij} = \left( \frac{a_{ij}}{c_j^*}, \frac{b_{ij}}{c_j^*}, \frac{c_{ij}}{c_j^*} \right) \text{ and } c_j^* = \max_i \{C_{ij}\} \text{ (benefit criteria)}$$

$$v_{ij} = \tilde{r}_{ij} \times \omega_j$$

$$A^+ = (\tilde{v}_1^*, \tilde{v}_2^*, \dots, \tilde{v}_n^*), \text{ where } \tilde{v}_j^* = \max_i \{v_{ij}\}$$

$$A^- = (\tilde{v}_1^-, \tilde{v}_2^-, \dots, \tilde{v}_n^-) \text{ where } \tilde{v}_j^- = \min_i \{v_{ij}\}$$

$$\tilde{d}_i^+ = \sum_{j=1}^n d(\tilde{v}_{ij}, \tilde{v}_j^*), i = 1, 2, \dots, m; j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\tilde{d}_i^- = \sum_{j=1}^n d(\tilde{v}_{ij}, \tilde{v}_j^-), i = 1, 2, \dots, m; j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$C\tilde{C}_i = \frac{\tilde{d}_i^-}{\tilde{d}_i^+ + \tilde{d}_i^-} = 1 - \frac{\tilde{d}_i^+}{\tilde{d}_i^+ + \tilde{d}_i^-}, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

# Results - I

## Combined decision matrix

	A1	A2	A3	A4
C1	5,7.667,9	3,6.333,9	3,5,7	3,5,7
C2	3,7,9	1,4.333,7	5,7,9	5,7,9
C3	3,6.333,9	1,3.667,7	5,7.667,9	5,8.333,9
C4	3,5.667,9	5,6.333,9	1,4.333,7	1,4.333,7
C5	3,6.333,9	1,4.333,7	3,5,7	3,5.667,9
C6	3,6.333,9	3,6.333,9	5,7.667,9	5,7,9
C7	3,5.667,9	3,5.667,9	5,7,9	3,5.667,9
C8	3,5,7	3,5.667,9	3,5,7	1,4.333,7
C9	3,6.333,9	3,5,7	3,6.333,9	3,7.667,9
C10	3,5,7	3,5.667,9	3,5,7	3,5.667,9

## Combine weightage matrix

	$\omega_j$
C1	5,7.667,9
C2	5,7.667,9
C3	3,6.333,9
C4	3,5.667,9
C5	3,5.667,9
C6	3,5.667,9
C7	3,5,7
C8	3,5.667,9
C9	3,5.667,9
C10	1,4.333,7

# Results - II

## Normalized fuzzy decision matrix

	A1	A2	A3	A4
C1	$\frac{5}{9}, \frac{7.667}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{6.333}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{5}{9}, \frac{7}{9}$	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{5}{9}, \frac{7}{9}$
C2	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{7}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$	$\frac{1}{9}, \frac{4.333}{9}, \frac{7}{9}$	$\frac{5}{9}, \frac{7}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$	$\frac{5}{9}, \frac{7}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$
C3	$\frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{6.333}, \frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{7}, \frac{1}{3.667}, \frac{1}{1}$	$\frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{7.667}, \frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{7}, \frac{1}{3}$
C4	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{5.667}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$	$\frac{5}{9}, \frac{6.333}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$	$\frac{1}{9}, \frac{4.333}{9}, \frac{7}{9}$	$\frac{1}{9}, \frac{4.333}{9}, \frac{7}{9}$
C5	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{6.333}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$	$\frac{1}{9}, \frac{4.333}{9}, \frac{7}{9}$	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{5}{9}, \frac{7}{9}$	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{5.667}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$
C6	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{6.333}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{6.333}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$	$\frac{5}{9}, \frac{7.667}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$	$\frac{5}{9}, \frac{7}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$
C7	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{5.667}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{5.667}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$	$\frac{5}{9}, \frac{7}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{5.667}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$
C8	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{5}{9}, \frac{7}{9}$	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{5.667}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{5}{9}, \frac{7}{9}$	$\frac{1}{9}, \frac{4.333}{9}, \frac{7}{9}$
C9	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{6.333}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{5}{9}, \frac{5}{9}$	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{6.333}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{7.667}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$
C10	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{5}{9}, \frac{7}{9}$	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{5.667}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{5}{9}, \frac{7}{9}$	$\frac{3}{9}, \frac{5.667}{9}, \frac{9}{9}$



# Results - III

## Weighted normalized decision matrix

	A1	A2	A3	A4
C1	2.778,6.531,9	1.667,5.395,9	1.667,4.259,7	1.667,4.259,7
C2	1.667,7,9	0.556,3.691,7	2.778,7,9	2.778,7,9
C3	0.333,1,3	0.429,1.727,9	0.333,0.826,1.8	0.333,0.760,1.8
C4	1,3.568,9	1.667,3.988,9	0.333,2.728,7	0.333,2.728,7
C5	1,3.988,9	0.333,2.728,7	1,3.148,7	1,3.568,9
C6	1,3.988,9	1,3.988,9	1.667,4.827,9	1.667,4.408,9
C7	1,3.148,7	1,3.148,7	1.667,3.889,7	1,0.630,7
C8	1,3.148,7	1,3.568,9	1,3.148,7	0.333,2.728,7
C9	1,3.988,9	1,3.148,3.148	1,3.988,9	1,4.828,9
C10	0.333,2.407,5.444	0.333,2.728,7	0.333,2.407,5.444	0.333,2.728,7

## FPIS and FNIS

	A <sup>+</sup>	A <sup>-</sup>
C1	2.778,6.531,9	1.667,4.259,7
C2	2.778,7,9	0.556,3.691,7
C3	0.429,1.727,9	0.333,0.760,1.8
C4	1.667,3.988,9	0.333,2.728,7
C5	1,3.988,9	0.333,2.728,7
C6	1.667,4.827,9	1,3.988,9
C7	1.667,3.889,7	1,0.630,7
C8	1,3.568,9	0.333,2.728,7
C9	1,4.828,9	1,3.148,3.148
C10	0.333,2.728,7	0.333,2.407,5.444

# Closeness

	$d_i^*$	$d_i^-$	$CC_i$	Rank
A 1	8.363	13.458	0.6167	1
A 2	9.620	13.841	0.5900	2
A 3	11.452	9.503	0.4535	3
A 4	10.639	8.771	0.4535	4



The way to  
get started  
is to quit  
talking and  
begin doing

Walt Disney

# Findings

## Findings I

- The most important criteria considered in the selection of tugboats are *safety* and *bollard pull*

## Findings II

- The *A1* of tugs was most suitable as in this illustrative example with inputs from three experts from West Africa



# Summary

This presentation outlines numerous aspects in the selection of an appropriate tugboat for port operations

As a guide, this proposed decision model may be used by ports authorities and organizations working in tugboat selections ports in West Africa to enhance safety and maximize operational efficiency





# THANK YOU

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