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Theme: Strategies for Promotion of Sustainable Technology-Based and Production-Driven Economy in Nigeria.

Venue: Government House Banquet Hall, Ilorin, Kwara State. Date: 3rd -7th December 2012



Minister of Works Arc. Mike Onolememen FNIA (left) and the President of NSE Engr. M. B. Shehu FNSE



Kwara State Governor Alhaji Abdulfatah Ahmed (left) & Gombe State Governor Alhaji Ibrahim Dankwambo (right)



Engr. Denis Dania (2nd right) & Engr. (Wari-Alabo) S. Jumbo



L-R: Past President of Ghana Institution of Engineers Ing. Albert A. Ogyiri, Engr. Otis Anyaeji & President of FAOE Engr. Dr. Martin Van Veelen



President of NSE Engr. M. B. Shehu FNSE (middle) & some past presidents of NSE during the e-voting process that elected the 2013 EXCO



Engr. Chinyerem Wamuo FNSE (right) & other participants

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2012 National Conference And Annual General Meeting

COMMUNIQUE

The Nigerian Society of Engineers held its 45th National Engineering Conference and Annual General Meeting tagged “**HARMONY 2012**” at the Government House Banquet Hall, Ilorin, Kwara State, from 3rd to 7th December, 2012. The theme of the Conference was “**Strategies for Promotion of Sustainable Technology-Based and Production-Driven Economy in Nigeria**”.

The conference deliberated on the following Sub-themes: Engineering industry; Agro Allied; Chemical Industries; Oil and Gas; Petrochemicals; Mining and Quarrying; Metallurgical Industry; Textile and Garment Industry and Small and medium Enterprises.

The Conference recognizes that:

1. Nigeria is abundantly endowed with indigenous technologies, human and material resources. However, the nation is yet to adequately exploit them for economic development.

2. Despite the concerted effort in the areas of Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution, there is still energy gaps which has negative effects on all sectors of the economy

The Nation has made substantial efforts in infrastructural development of Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

3. Some of the materials that are being imported are abundantly available in the country.

4. There is a need to strengthen all agencies responsible for standardization and control.

5. The manufacturing sector requires urgent revitalization.

6. A robust National Integrated Infrastructure Master Plan (NIIMP) will engender growth and attract foreign investment.

7. Nigerian roads are still in a deplorable state.

8. Entrenching energy efficiency and conservation in the use of the nation's energy resources represent the most effective means of reducing energy consumption.

9. There is no appropriate policy and legal framework in place for collaboration between industries and Academia/Research Institutions.

10. There is no effective integrated waste management system in the country.

11. Nigeria continues to build infrastructures without adequate maintenance practices.

12. The rate of growth of Nigerian content in the oil and gas sector is not as envisaged in the Nigerian Content Act.

13. There is hardly any investment in the downstream sector either in green field or brown field.

14. There are a lot of Agricultural raw materials being exported without local value addition or allowed to waste due to lack of adequate storage/processing facilities.

15. Some of the materials used in industrial production that are being imported are abundantly available in the country e.g. Bentonite.

16. Most of the steel being consumed in the country are imported, whilst our major Steel plant are moribund.

17. The neglect of metallurgical sector as a whole continue to drift the nation out of the course of industrialization.

18. Mining has been neglected for a long time in Nigeria.

19. The mining of known commercial mineral deposit in the country requires strategic approach to ensure that the ongoing revival of the sector is holistic e.g. coal, tin and Columbite (where Nigeria was world leader),

Gold, Galena among others which have been de-emphasized.

20. Nigeria has become a dumping ground for all forms of textiles and garments imported from all parts of the world.

22. There is urgent need to rapidly develop the machine tool sector for the purpose of machines that make machineries. Such machines are the basis of the development of other basic, intermediate and end use industries.

The Conference therefore recommends that:

1. The Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) is willing to play active role in the implementation of the Nigerian Integrated Infrastructure MasterPlan framework.

2. All well meaning Nigerians should support the laudable efforts of Government in the Power sector reform.

3. Development of systems and manufacturing of equipment/spare parts for production should be domesticated through engineering research and development.

4. There should be an effective integrated waste management in the country.

5. Government should invest in massive human capacity and infrastructural development.

6. There is need for the ongoing liberalization of the energy sector by the Federal Government to be pursued with vigour.

7. Government should facilitate public enlightenment and local manufacture of energy efficient equipment.

8. The Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and other States Road Maintenance Agencies should be autonomous and adequately funded.

9. Government should declare a State of Emergency on Maintenance of Public Infrastructure.

The remaining part of the communiqué will be published in the next edition.

Election Result of Elected Officers

S/ No	Name	Position	Votes
1	Engr. Otis Anyaeji, FNSE	Vice President	703
2	Engr. Adekunle O. Mokuolu, FNSE	Vice President	407
3	Engr. (Mrs) Valerie I. Agberagba, FNSE	Vice President	386
4	Engr. (Mrs) Margaret A. Oguntala, FNSE	EXCO Member	865
5	Engr. (Mrs) Aishatu A Umar, MNSE	EXCO Member	779
6	Engr. Akintayo C. Akintola, FNSE	EXCO Member	670
7	Engr. Mohammed I. Abbass, MNSE	EXCO Member	615
8	Engr. Ezekwesili Onah, FNSE	EXCO Member	605
9	Engr. Wahab O. Ibrahim, FNSE	EXCO Member	546
10	Engr. Olufemi Ala	Auditor	717
11	Engr. Olu Ale	Auditor	690
12	Engr. Oladipupo Mabogaje MNSE	Auditor	635

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