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Interview with Engr. Dr. Innocent Akuvue, MNSE, on Nigerian Content

Engr. Dr. Innocent Akuvue, MNSE, is the Chairman of Nigerian Content Committee of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch.

E-Newsletter: Sir, what can you tell us about Nigerian Content of NSE Port Harcourt Branch?

Engr. Akuvue: The Nigerian Content workshop and exhibition which we are preparing to hold has become an annual event of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch. We know the essence of Nigerian Content policy of Government and we feel as professionals we should be driving it and driving it effectively. The Nigerian Content workshop which we are running is in partnership with NCDMB and SPDC. We have had two editions before now and the third edition will be held on 16th—18th October 2014. The essence and importance of Nigerian Content in the business of the day which is Oil and Gas is to ensure that Nigerians participate actively by being manufacturers of products and giving services and not just been importers of products. So what is our role in this? We are professionals we are suppose to be the eyes of the Government. Ours is to have a workshop where Nigerians will be told the very relevance of the Government policy,



Engr. Dr. Innocent Akuvue

where Nigerians are encouraged to come and showcase the products they produce and the services they render in Nigeria and by Nigerians. Our stakeholders are NCDMB and SPDC that has shown enormous interest in seeing us succeed in this project.

E-Newsletter: Are there areas of challenges when it comes to Nigerian Content.

Engr. Akuvue: Yes, there are. From the workshop we had last year we had some challenges that were voiced out by participants. Basically Nigerians are concerned about electricity power supply and small scale industries cannot take off without adequate power supply. Once power improves, there will be big bust to the Nigerian Government's effort because what business can you do without power. If you want to do a business for instance that requires a capital of N2 million, what comes first to your mind is the issue of power and for the kind of power you need, you will need to get a generator that is from 10KVA which does not come cheap. There is need to open up roads for people to move products and services. Nigerian Content is working because we are seeing the results.

E-Newsletter: Thank you sir.



The EXCO meeting of the NSE Port Harcourt Branch held on Thursday 2nd October 2014 at the Branch secretariat. The meeting was presided over by the Chairman of the Branch Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson, FNSE.

Photo right: The Chairman of InfoTech/Library Committee of NSE Port Harcourt Branch Engr. Chief Giandomenico Masari FNSE (left), presenting the 229 printed volumes of the Branch E-Newsletter to the Branch Chairman during the EXCO meeting.



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On Friday 3 October 2014, the Chairman, of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson, FNSE (3rd from right), led the Executive Committee and members of the Branch to Obile-Ohaji in Ohaji/Egbema Local Government Area of Imo State, to attend the funeral of late Mrs. Agnes Adimelechi, who served as the Branch Financial Secretary and Chairman Career Development Committee at various times. **Photo below:** APWEN members (in black) at the funeral.



On Tuesday 30th September 2014, the Executive Committee of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch paid a condolence visit to Engr. George C. Okoroma FNSE (7th from left) & his wife (8th from left) at his residence, on the passage of his mother.



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