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### Interview with Engr. Mrs. Anthonia C. Ohagwa MNSE, on Women in Engineering

**Engr. Mrs. Anthonia Ohagwa MNSE**, is the Chairperson of APWEN Port Harcourt Chapter.

**E-Newsletter:** *What is APWEN?*

**Engr. Mrs. Ohagwa:** APWEN is the acronym for Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria. It is a non governmental, not for profit and educational organisation. It is most importantly a division of the Nigerian Society of Engineers which is an umbrella body for all Engineers in Nigeria. However, members share a common denominator -our female gender which happens to be our strong unifying factor.

**E-Newsletter:** *How is APWEN contributing to the development of Engineering in Nigeria?*

**Engr. Mrs. Ohagwa:** APWEN is contributing immensely to the development of Engineering in Nigeria by simply following her motto which says : 'Encourage, Enhance and Excel'. We encourage young girls in Primary and secondary schools to develop interest in science subjects with a view to taking up Engineering as a choice career. This we are able to achieve through career



Mrs. Anthonia Ohagwa

talks , science quiz competition amongst female students with mouth watering prizes. APWEN also devised two practical programs :

'TAKE A GIRL CHILD TO WORK ' and 'INTRODUCE A GIRL TO ENGINEERING'. APWEN also offers scholarship to the best graduating female Nigerian Engineering student for masters in Engineering.

**E-Newsletter:** *What are the challenges faced by female Engineers in Nigeria?*

**Engr. Mrs. Ohagwa:** Female Engineers are faced with a plethora of challenges, the foremost of which is DISCRIMINATION in the work place. There is also the issue of pregnancy and motherhood. Absence of a female mentor in the work place. Engineering being male dominated profession and as such the few female entrants are negatively perceived as strange members. Consequently the female Engineer has to be focused and also to put in extra efforts in order to manifestly reverse the wrongly held notion about female Engineers. The afore mentioned challenges are even more pronounced amongst certain fields of Engineering regarded as exclusives for men such as Civil, Mechanical, etc.

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The EXCO of NSE Port Harcourt Branch led by the Vice Chairman Engr. Emmanuel Idoniboye, MNSE, (5th from left), paid a courtesy visit the Vice Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt Engr. Prof. Joseph Ajenka, FNSE, (8th from left) on Tuesday 21st October 2014 in his office.



**World Engineering Conference on Sustainable Infrastructure,**  
2nd - 7th November 2014, Abuja-Nigeria.  
**Theme:** *Development of Sustainable Infrastructure in Africa*  
<http://www.wecsi2014.org>





Odutola Toyin (in black cloth), explaining her Ph.D research project on “Prediction and Management of Gas Hydrates in Offshore Environment” during the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Executive Committee industrial technical visit to the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS), University of Port Harcourt, on Tuesday 21st October 2014

### The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch 2014 Annual Lecture

The Chairman, Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch, Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson, FNSE, cordially invites engineers and non-engineers to the 2014 Annual Lecture & Awards of the Branch:

**Date:** Tuesday 28th October 2014

**Venue:** Dreamland Events Centre, Opposite LESUKA, along Dr. Peter Odili Road, Port Harcourt.

**Time:** 3.30pm.

**Eminent Lecturer:**

Engr. I. Z. S. Akobo, MNSE

Chairman,  
Annual Lecture & Awards Committee.

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**E-Newsletter:** *What advice do you have for female Engineers who are not yet registered with APWEN.*

**Engr. Mrs. Ohagwa:** They should get registered today and tap into the numerous benefits which membership confers such as: opportunity to network with like minded professionals from every field of Engineering, exposure to a vast expanse of professional development workshops, leverage on the memorandum of understanding between APWEN and Society of Women Engineers and join a global network of Engineers.

**E-Newsletter:** *Thank you madam.*

### The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch General Meeting

**Date:** Thursday 30th October 2014

**Time:** 5.00pm

**Venue:** Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat, Water Works Yard, #3 Bernard Carr Street, Port Harcourt.

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