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### Interview with Engr. Dr. Victor O. Oyenuga, FNSE

**Engr. Dr. Victor O. Oyenuga, FNSE**, is an author of *Structural Engineering books* and a Past Chairman of the Institution of Structural Engineers.

**E-Newsletter:** *As a past chairman of the Institution of Structural Engineers, could you please tell us why there is reoccurrence in the collapse of buildings?*

**Engr. Oyenuga:** I think very few engineers have been indicted but one thing is that no structural engineer has been indicted since this started. We should ensure that jobs are given to Structural Engineers because not all civil engineers are structurally inclined. Most of us have degrees in civil engineering but some major in Structural Engineering and the institution is there to provide leverage. So if projects are handled by members of the institution, collapse of buildings would be a thing of the past.

**E-Newsletter:** *What is your advice to young engineers?*



Engr. Dr. Victor Oyenuga

**Engr. Oyenuga:** Well to the best of my knowledge, it is only the University of Benin that students graduate in Structural Engineering so far, the others graduate in Civil Engineering. There is nothing wrong with that but anyone who wants to major in Structural Engineering should join the Institution of Structural Engineers. We have mentorship programs, we have our monthly meetings especially in Lagos. When they join they will be able to catch up with the trend of things. After four or five years, they will sit for seminar paper which is not difficult. All we do is just to test their knowledge engineering practice. It is an open book seminar where you will pick one question depending on the area of your choice either concrete structures/building structures/bridges/water structures or steel. We are trying to incorporate mast construction. All we try to do is determine your level of competence and once you pass then you can call yourself a Structural Engineer.

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

**NIGF 2015**  
THEME: HARNESSING THE POTENTIALS OF INTERNET GOVERNANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA

DATE: 20th & 21st JULY, 2015  
VENUE: NAF Conference Center and Suites, Jahi District, Abuja  
TIME: 8:00AM Daily

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The Nigerian Internet Governance Forum (NIGF) 2015 will be held on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2015 in Abuja. For more information and to participate in the event please visit [www.nigf.org.ng](http://www.nigf.org.ng)

#### Objective

The objective of the NIGF 2015 is to dialog with stakeholders on how the Internet Governance Ecosystem potentials would be harnessed for Nigerian economic growth and sustenance.

#### Outcome of the Forum

The Forum is expected to achieve the following outcomes.

- Enable consensus building among stakeholders on framework for Internet governance in Nigeria.
  - Address the nation's most critical and evolving issues on Internet governance
- Advancing the nation's position at the regional and global IGF Forum.

# World Engineering Conference and Convention 2015

## WECC2015 Engineering: Innovation and Society

November 29 – December 2, 2015

WFEO General Assembly, Executive Council and Committee Meetings: November 28 - December 4

Technical Visits: December 3

Kyoto International Conference Center, Kyoto, Japan

### The Significance of Attending WECC2015 “Human Encounters Spark Innovation”



#### Prof. Teruhiko Yoda

Chair, Board of Working Committee  
(Department of Civil and Environmental  
Engineering, Faculty of Science and Engineering,  
Waseda University)

In 1929 the World Engineering Congress (WEC) was held at Hibiya Public Hall in Tokyo. Beginning on October 29 and running until November 6, it was a major international conference attracting 4,495 participants, 671 of whom were from overseas. Thus the origins of WECC2015 in Kyoto date back to 1929, when the Japan Federation of Engineering Societies pooled the resources of industry, academia and government to host the WEC. That Congress was a huge success, communicating to the world Japan's recovery from the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923. The cornerstone of its success was the full support shown by industry, government, academia and the collective capabilities of the engineering community.

As well as providing a forum to communicate Japan's recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake of 2011 and share initiatives based on lessons learned from that national crisis, this year's WECC can also be regarded as an extremely valuable opportunity to show that the global engineering community is united in pursuing scientific and technological innovation needed to create societies capable of sustainable development.

In this context, the significance of attending WECC2015 lies in exploring the feasibility of new possibilities, including drawing up a road map for creating networks aimed at identifying and resolving issues facing society with a view to achieving global sustainable development, discovering innovations and new markets created by technological advances, detecting new value triggered by interdisciplinary collaboration and networks and generating innovations associated with such value, finding R&D projects and business partners beyond the bounds of specialized fields, and discovering new global innovation projects involving collaboration among multiple disciplines and business domains.

Professor P.W. Anderson, winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1977, famously said that “more is different”. The quality of WECC2015 will be determined by the number of international participants. In this sense, the key to the success of WECC2015 lies in attracting the largest possible number of attendees from around the world. This sentiment is also echoed by Professor Hiroshi Amano, winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2014 and plenary speaker at WECC2015, who said that we should direct all our energies at matters requiring attention now. WECC2015 will bring together representatives of industry, science, education and government to direct all their energies to sharing practical examples of how engineering is supporting society and sparking innovation, as well as information related to these themes, with people all around the world. The first rays of light that will bring our hopes to life have begun to appear. By joining forces, we aim to build a brighter, more prosperous future. The future is just around the corner.

*Extracted from* <http://www.wecc2015.info/>



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Presents

NATIONAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE  
AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunshine2015

#### THEME:

“National Integrated Infrastructure Master Plan 2014: Strategies For Implementation”

**Venue:** International Culture & Event Centre (Dome), Akure, Ondo State

**Date:** Monday 16th— Friday 20th November 2015

#### Conference Registration

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| 1. Early Bird (Not later than September 30, 2015) | = N30,000 | 4. Graduates = N10,000 |
| 2. From October 1, 2015                           | = N40,000 | 5. Students = N5,000   |
| 3. Spouses  | = N10,000 |                        |

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