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Interview with Vassily Barberopoulos on Local Content in Nigeria.

Vassily Barberopoulos was born in Lagos. His origin is Greek. He is a Nigerian. His father came to Nigeria in the 1950s and naturalized. His business is Nigerian Foundries Limited which was established in 1969 with some other businesses. They are involved in local content. He was voted as the Chairman of Manufacturers Association of Nigeria Local Content Group.



Vassily Barberopoulos

E-Newsletter: Please can you tell our readers a little about Manufacturers Association of Nigeria Local Content. What is it all about?

Vassily Barberopoulos: A few companies namely Nigerian Foundries, Nigerian Ropes, DormanLong and so on were involved in local content from the very beginning and I'm talking way back in the beginning of the year 2000. When the Nigerian content bill was signed by President Goodluck Jonathan, we were invited for the inauguration. We were told as it is stipulated in the bill, that we have to form an association. So for us one of the oldest association representing manufacturers is the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria which was established in the 1970s. In other to support local content and support the government, we decided to form a group for all those companies interested to be involved in local content. Our mandate is to support the Nigeria local content bill for the petroleum industry and at the same time our mandate is to promote the ideals of the Federal Government of Nigeria initiatives towards local content which is Nigerian content bill and further development of national policy for the entire country and ensure compliance to increasing standards. This is our objectives. So basically we want to take local content not only to support the local content for the Oil and Gas Industry but to promote local content for the entire country, for the entire economy.

E-Newsletter: Thank you very much. What advice to you have for the readers on how to embrace this local content because we understand that

it will actually help to develop the economy and make the economy stronger. So what advice do you have for the readers on how to embrace the local content?

Vassily Barberopoulos: I can't give much advice at this very moment because we are still in the beginning of a new era for local content in Nigeria. Although compare with other countries we are quite far ahead. We are far ahead because of the legislation we have but as actual local content industrialization, we have still a very long way to go and basically, all we are saying is that at the end of the day if we want to survive as a country and we want to survive as an economy, we need to support our local industries which we have never done in the past and this is a very good chance. One of the countries that have become a very highly developed country is Brazil and they enforce local content policy way back in the 1970s and in the year 2000 they enforced a local content bill for the Oil and Gas Industries and today they have become one of the major players in the world economy.

E-Newsletter: Thank you very much for this brief interview. We do hope when next we call upon you, you will give us the opportunity to interview you again.



Engr. Otuenh & Vassily Barberopoulos

Photo News: NSE PH Branch EXCO members in October 2011 meeting



NSE PH Branch 2010 Annual Lecture


The 2010 Annual Lecture of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt will hold on Tuesday November 2nd 2010 at Hotel Presidential, Port Harcourt. The eminent lecture will be Engr. Prof. Howells I. Hart *FNSE*, who is a past chairman of the branch and presently the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Nkpolu, Oroworukwo, Port Harcourt.



Engr. Prof. H. I. Hart *FNSE*
Eminent Lecturer




Engr. (Wari-Alabo) S. Jumbo
Chairman, Annual Lecture Comm
Announcer



The Nigerian Society of Engineers
Announces its
INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE AND
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
'ABUJA 2010'

Date: 6th - 10th December, 2010
Venue: Conference Venue: International Conference Centre, Area 11, Garki, Abuja
 Conference Hotel: NICON Luxury, Area 11, Garki, Abuja

Theme:
Engineering Response in
Combating the Effects of
CLIMATE CHANGE
in Africa



HIGHLIGHTS

- Presidential Cocktail
- Courtesy Visits
- Opening Press Conference
- Plenary Sessions
- Concurrent Technical Sessions
- Welfare/Business Development Nite
- Exhibition
- Young Engineers Forum/Technical Sessions
- Also Nite
- Spouses Activities
- Annual General Meeting
- Annual Dinner/Dance
- Closing Press Conference/Communique

REGISTRATION FEES

Early Bird (On or Before 31 st October, 2010)	- N20,000.00
After 31 st October, 2010	- N25,000.00 or \$200.00
Students	- N1,500.00
Spouses	- N5,000.00

ENQUIRIES

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Photo News: NIEEE PH Chapter in a meeting and technical presentation



NSE PH Branch Engineering Week

The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Engineering Week will commence on Monday November 1st 2010. During the Engineering Week new members will be inducted on Saturday November 5th 2010 at Hotel Presidential. The week will end on Sunday November 6th 2010 with a thanksgiving church service.



Engr. A. A. Ujile FNSE
 Chairman
 Engineering Week Committee



The Nigerian Institution of Mechanical Engineers
International Conference "Port Harcourt 2010"
20th—22nd October 2010.



NiMechE Chairman, Engr. B. Oyedepo (right) & Engr. Tele Ikuru, Deputy Gov of Rivers State (middle) during NiMechE visit to Rivers State Government House



A cross section of mechanical engineers during the NiMechE International Conference in Port Harcourt.



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