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Unveiling of the new NSE flag

NSE DP Engr. Ajibola (left) & Imo State Dep. Gov. (second right)

Gen. Buhari (left), Engr. Ali (2nd left) & other dignitaries at the ceremony.

Imo State Gov., Ikedi Ohakim declaring the AGM open



Dignitaries in a group photograph



Dep. Gov. of Rivers State, Engr. Tele Ikuru with some Fellows of NSE PH after his conferment



NSE President Engr. Ali (left) on the dance floor with Imo State Dep. Gov. (middle) & her hubby



General Buhari conferred with Honorary Fellow

### Nigerian Society of Engineers Election Result

# Vice President 568 Engr. O.A. Mokolu 542 Engr. F.O.Nwankwo 467 Engr. Otis Anyeji 464 Engr. J.O.Akanmu 272 Engr. B.J. Benibo 218 Engr. A.C.Pokima 216 Engr. T.Eleba 210

### EXCO Engr. (Mrs) V. Agbaragba 816 Engr (Dr) Ahmed Mustapha 666 Engr. A. King 503 Engr. Abbass Mohammed 518 Engr. E. Onah 444 Engr.I. Imaybong 441 Engr. Ibrahim Wahab 403 Engr. Sabastin Manza 398 Engr. E.A. Oluadamisi 357 348 Engr. S.E. Echedom 324 Engr. Rufus Chime Engr. D. Dania 314 Engr. C.A. Akintola 314

### **Deputy President**

Engr. M.B.Shehu	747
Engr. I. A. Olurofemi	339

### **AUDITORS**

Engr (Chief) O.O.Oruye Engr.(Dr) G.A. Mustafa Engr(Dr) C.U. Nwoji

### **Election of Officers**

The following officers were elected to run the affairs of the Society in the 2010

Engr. A.O Ajibola, FNSE Engr. M.B Shehu, FNSE Engr. O. A. Mokuolu, FNSE Engr. A. A. Rabiu, FNSE Engr. F. O. Nwankwo, FNSE Engr. Mrs. V. I. Agberagba, FNSE	President Deputy President Vice President Vice President Vice President Vice President Executive Committee Member
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Engr. A. A. Rabiu, FNSE	Vice President
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Engr. Mrs. V. I. Agberagba, FNSE	Executive Committee Member
Engr. (Dr.) Ahmed Mustapha, FNSE	Executive Committee Member
Engr. Adeyemi Kings, MNSE	Executive Committee Member
Engr Abbas Mohammed, MNSE	Executive Committee Member
Engr. Ezekwesili Ohah, MNSE	Executive Committee Member
Engr. Imabong J. Inyang, FNSE	Executive Committee Member
Engr. K. A. Ali, FNSE	Immediate Past President
Engr. Ahmed K. Amshi, FNSE	Executive Secretary



Conference registration desk



Biometric registration desk

### The Nigerian Society Of Engineers

### 2009 NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### COMMUNIQUE'

The Nigerian Society of Engineers held its 42<sup>nd</sup> National Engineering Conference and Annual General Meeting tagged "HEARTLAND 2009" at the Disney Hotels and Resort, Owerri, Imo state between 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>tth</sup> December, 2009. The theme of the Conference was "Engineering Strategies for Confronting Challenges of Global Economic Meltdown".

The Communiqué which emanated from the Conference is as follows:

### Global Economic Meltdown and National Development

- The Conference recognizes that the vigorous implementation of the seven- point agenda of government will cushion the effects of the global economic melt down. To achieve this, the agenda needs to be translated into clear, visible and measurable targets.
- The Conference observes that the Nigerian economy largely depends on moving money around, without creating any real value. Therefore, it recommends a shift to a technology-focused economy that creates wealth through innovation and entrepreneurship.
- The nation must persevere and not allow occasional setbacks (such as the failed satellite launch) to dampen our drive and determination. Successful nations in these endeavours do not always succeed at first attempt.

### **Indigenous Technology Development and Standards**

- The Conference realizes the low usage of available indigenous materials both in built environment and in manufacturing sector. It calls on the public and private sectors to invest in the development and usage of locally available materials.
- The Conference appreciates the efforts being made by Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON) in the area of standardization. The Nigerian Society of Engineers enjoins the SON to continue to develop and publish standards for product and process that will be the reference point for all sectors. The NSE commits itself to collaborate with SON in this regard. NSE would continue in its drive towards development of codes and standards.

### Natural and Human Resources Development

- The Conference observes that the global economic crisis provides another opportunity for Nigeria to transform its economy through prudent management of its natural and human resources endowment.
- The Conference affirms that our educational institutions are the bedrock of our human capital development. There is need for the government to set a target for the transformation of a specific number of universities in Nigeria to world-class standards within the next five years.
- The conference further recommends the establishment of a framework for the development of vocational/crafts institutions to bridge the existing gap in lower level technical personnel.
- The Nigerian Society of Engineers would pursue the establishment of an institutional framework which places engineering in the control of engineers
- The Conference recommends synergy amongst tertiary institutions, research centers and the industry to ensure that graduates of these institutions meet the requirements of industry.

### **Sustenance of Nigerian Content Development**

- In line with the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, Nigeria needs to set target dates for self-sufficiency in food and materials that the country can obviously produce to meet the requirements of the nation.
- The Conference notes the significant progress of the Nigerian Content in the petroleum industry which increased from 10% in 2003 to about 40% in 2008. This is visible in exploration and in the high level of indigenous manpower in deep offshore operations. Further efforts should be geared towards continuous improvement.

The remaining part of the communiqué shall be published in the next edition of the e-newsletter.

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