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## Interview with Engr. Prof. R. I. Salawu FNSE on Engineering Practice

**Engr. Prof. R. I. Salawu** FNSE, was a registrar of COREN. He was the Secretary General of the Nigerian Society of Engineers. He was once Vice President of Nigerian Society of Engineers, He is a fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Engineers.



Engr. Prof. R. I. Salawu

**E-Newsletter:** As the first registrar of COREN, what can you tell us about engineering practice as it was in the former days and now. How can you compare the practice?

**Prof. Salawu:** Well engineering practice has come down generally in Nigeria. In the early days, prior to independence and soon after independence, most Nigerian engineers had opportunity to practice. These days the government gives the job as design and construct to most foreign companies as a result Nigerian practitioners do not have any commission. There are people who are in practice who have never had any commission in the last two to three years and as a result there are no opportunities for young Nigerian engineers to be trained because those who normally would have employed them do not have jobs to do. Most Engineers who are practitioners especially in consulting practice and construction do not have jobs. Most of the jobs are given to foreign companies and very few are being given to Nigerian engi-

neers.

**E-Newsletter:** What do you think can be done to correct it?

**Prof. Salawu:** Government should encourage Nigerians by giving, employing and commissioning them to do a lot of work that are being done in Nigeria. It is when they are commissioned that they can have the jobs on which to train the young engineers. That is what I expect the government to do.

**E-Newsletter:** What advise do you have for the young engineers that are coming up?

**Prof. Salawu:** Young engineers who are not employed do not have work to do except those who can go on their own and to be able to go on your own you need to have done some form of practice which they do not have opportunity to do. Most advertisement that has come up requiring engineers ask for so many years of experience. Somebody who have not been employed can not have experience. People need to be employed to have experience. What government should do is that, in awarding contracts to foreign firms, they should include in the contract opportunities for training Nigerian engineers. In other words, we can say for this contract you need to employ young engineers and train them so that eventually they will be able to work and they can have the requisite experience.

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



The Nigerian Institution of Electrical & Electronics Engineers 8th International Conference & Exhibition On Power & Telecommunications  
8th-12th October 2012

Standing: Engr. Chinyerem Wamuo FNSE (representing the President of NSE), Left: Engr. Segun Ajayi FNSE ( First Chairman of NIEEE & past president of NSE)  
3rd left: Engr. Adekunle Makinde MNSE(NIEEE Chairman), Right: Engr. Ugochukwu (chairman of NSE Warri Branch), 2nd right: Delta State Commissioner for Energy Hon. Charles Emetulu, 3rd right: Engr. Mayas Adayi (Director of Professional Development in COREN).



World Federation of Engineering Organizations  
Fédération Mondiale des Organisations d'Ingénieurs

Nigeria has been slated to host the World Engineering Forum in 2014.



**One-Stop-Shop Unit**

On Tuesday 16th October 2012, the honourable commissioner for Urban Development, Rivers State, Barr. Dr. Tammy Danagogo formally inaugurated the One-Stop-Shop unit for building designs verification and approval in his. The 5-man committee/unit is manned by 3 engineers (civil, mechanical and electrical), an architect and a director in the ministry. This development is aimed at forestalling incidences of collapse buildings and other catastrophes associated with design failures. Similarly, the Greater Port Harcourt City Development Authority (GPHCDA) has requested for a similar unit to be set up also in GPHCDA. A meeting has been convened and formal agreement had been reached to this effect. The Administrator of the authority Dame Mrs. Aleruchi Cookey-Gam, challenged engineers to leave up to expectation.



Engr. Kombo Johnson (left), Dr. Tammy Danagogo (4th from right) & Chairman of NSE PH Branch Engr. Denis Dania (2nd right)

**Courtesy visits by the President of NSE Engr. M. B. Shehu FNSE, during the inauguration of NSE Omoku Branch.**



Engr. M. B. Shehu FNSE (left) during a courtesy visit to HRH. Sir Dr. Chukwumela Nnam Obi II, OON, JP, Oba of Ogbaland



Engr. M. B. Shehu FNSE (7th from right), Engr. Otis, Engr. Rabi, Engr. Denis Dania, Engr. George Okoroma & others during a courtesy visit to TOTAL E&P in Obagi, Rivers State.

**World Habitat 2012 Celebration**

The Nigerian Society of Engineers in collaboration with United Nations, Rivers State Government Ministry of Housing takes awareness campaign on World Habitat Day celebration to the rural area. This unique celebration campaign was staged at Okrika water front in Port Harcourt.



Engr. M. B. Shehu FNSE (right) during a courtesy visit to Engr. Rt. Hon. Chavelier J. A. Arumemi-Ikhide FNSE, CON (left).

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