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Interview with Hon. Engr. Muhammad Wudil on Governance & Engineering

Hon. (Engr.) Muhammad Ali Wudil is a member of the House of Representatives, representing Wudil/Garko Federal Constituency, Kano State. He is the Deputy Chairman House of Representatives Committee on Works.



Hon. (Engr.) Muhammad Wudil

E-Newsletter: What can you tell us about Governance and Engineering?

Hon. Wudil: If you have been attending fora on engineering, you will agree with me that 80% of government spending of money goes to engineering projects. Now the greatest challenge in engineering is how our engineers relate to the spending in government? One of the reasons why I contested in election and entered into politics is to promote engineering. We need more engineers in politics because policies and laws governing engineering come through politics.

So if we don't have engineers in politics, in government, in law making and in policy making, we will be left behind. In fact it will interest you for me to give you a little story; when I was elected into the House of Representatives in 2007, around 2008

there was a bill which was setup as a rule for public procurement. When the bill came to the floor of the house, there were representatives of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, Nigerian Bar Association and other professional bodies; but because we did not have enough Engineers, many people advocated that the bill of the Nigeria Society of Engineers be removed from the Council of Bureau of Public Procurement. I stood up to protest that procurement does not mean buying and selling, it involves a lot of engineering requirements; but it was to no avail.

Later, I went to see the then President of The Nigerian Society of Engineers, Engr. Kahim Ali FNSE and I told him that he should go to the senate and lobby so that the senate will bring it in. So you see when you look at governance and engineering, the critical aspect of it is that our Nigerian engineers have to and must participate in politics so as to be in power. Look at what is happening now; there is no single engineer in the Federal Executive Council of this country. It is a blow on Nigerian engineers. So governance and engineering are something that needs to go together because if people governing you are not your professional colleagues, there are lots of limitations that may come out as a result of that. So I think to cut it short, my own take in governance and engineering is for engineers to participate in politics so that they can be part of policy making and law making.

E-New letter: Thank you very much sir.



The President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Engr. M. B. Shehu FNSE (left) presenting the Group Dynamics for Branches 2nd position to the Port Harcourt Branch Chairman Engr. Denis Dania (2nd right) while Engr. Prof. H. I. Hart FNSE (3rd from right), Engr. Prof. Ayotamuno (4th from right), Engr. Ahoka (right) and others look on.



The President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Engr. M. B. Shehu FNSE (3rd left) & the Chairman of the Nigerian Institution of Electrical & Electronics Engineers (NIEEE) Engr. Adkunle Makinde (2nd right) receiving the Group Dynamics for Divisions 1st position trophy on behalf of NIEEE which was presented by Engr. Dr. Ehimhanrhe Uujamhan FNSE (right)

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COMMUNIQUE

The first part of this communiqué was published in the last edition. This is the remaining part of the communiqué.

10. Government should put in place a robust National Integrated Infrastructure Master Plan (NIIMP) in earnest and NSE will be willing to partner in the implementation of the framework.

11. Government should put in place enabling policies to support mechanized farming and encourage local processing of Agricultural raw materials.

12. Government is urged to be steadfast in putting in place measures that will enable Nigeria maintain her aspiration to increase daily oil production capacity from its current level to over 4 MOBPD.

13. Government should put in place appropriate policies to create enabling environment for the Gas Master Plan to be realised as a matter of priority.

14. There is need for more investment and human capacity building in ICT sector by the Government.

15. There should be enactment of enabling law for collaboration between Industries and Academia/Research Institutions.

16. The National Energy Policy that was approved by the Federal Government in 2008 and the draft National Energy Master plan derived there from should be passed into an Energy Law.

17. Government support for textile and garment industries should be actualized and monitored based on proper expert engineering study of the Industry.

18. Government should as a matter of urgency re-appraise the status of Oshogbo and Ajaokuta machine tool plants with the aim of revitalizing them. This will aid the development of

automotive, aeronautic, ship building sectors among others.

19. Modern and efficient technology should be employed in the processing of waste to enhance health, safety and wealth creation.

20. The product of the basic industries would usually feed into small and medium industries. Thus, there is need for government to facilitate soft financing for the establishment and operation of the relevant small and medium industries within the shortest practicable time frame.

21. The Nigerian Content Act should be extended to cover all sectors of the Economy such as Manufacturing, Building and Road construction and Power.

4. Election of Officers

The Society successfully deployed E-voting for the election of the officers to run its affairs in 2013. This has been made possible by collaboration between the NSE and the NigCom-Sat Ltd, a Federal Government owned Company. It is important also to highlight that the software used was developed by Nigerian Engineers in Nigeria. The lessons learnt in this exercise is that it is possible for the INEC to use E-voting in the local government, State and Federal elections. NSE will be ready to Collaborate with INEC in this regards.

The following officers were elected:

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