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### Interview with Engr. Francis Happi, President, National Consulting Firms in Engineering, Cameroun

**Engr. Francis Happi** is the President of National Consulting Firms in Engineering, Cameroon.

**E-Newsletter:** *What are the challenges and prospects of Cameroon engineers?*

**Engr. Francis:** I can say that one of the biggest challenges in Cameroon is identification. We need to create number labeling to identify qualified and registered engineers, because we have so many engineering associations. We need number labeling to identify our engineers. This is one of our main challenges.



Engr. Francis Happi

**E-Newsletter:** *How is the participation of Cameroon engineers in infrastructure development?*

**Engr. Francis:** We also have the problem of communication with government, with the administration, it is not easy. We will like to be more involved in decision making in terms of, for example, road network. Road maintenance is an issue, building new roads is another issue and we are not really involved in these processes. Our battle, our challenge is to really be considered as an association which the administration can rely on for matters involving better works and biddings.

**E-Newsletter:** *What will you say about the new generation*

*that are embracing engineering in your country and in Africa at large?*

**Engr. Francis:** If I have something to say to Cameroonian and African engineers, it is that, they should believe in themselves. Cameroonian engineers will be able to solve Cameroonian problems if they believe in themselves instead of waiting for experts from outside and thinking they are better than them. This is one of the biggest problems that we need to face. We need to believe in ourselves and train our young engineers to be good; this is the first thing. The second thing is corruption. This is something that is now difficult to solve in our country. Young engineers now are so involved and interested in what they can gain from their job, instead of what they can give to the community. This is another challenge we have to face.

**E-Newsletter:** *What are the levels of infrastructures you think should be in place to give the younger ones the right knowledge of engineering?*

**Engr. Francis:** Formally we had the universities, good universities for engineering studies, especially in Civil Engineering; but I think they need to be more in contact with reality. It is too theoretical. They need more contact with industries.

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

### NSE PH Branch Year 2013 Engineering Week 25th November —1st December 2013



The opening ceremony of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Year 2013 Engineering Week opening ceremony was held on Monday 25th November 2013 at Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat. The keynote address was delivered by the Acting Managing Director of NDDC, Dr. Mrs. Christy Atako.

**L-R:** Engr. F. C. Ogolo FNSE, Mr. Biedima Oliver (RSSDA), Dr. Mrs. Christy Atako (Acting MD, NDDC), Engr. Denis Dania FNSE (NSE PH Branch Chairman), Rep of GMD Schlumberger West Africa and Engr. Chief Faithful Abbiyesuku FNSE.



**World Engineering Conference on Sustainable Infrastructure,** 2nd - 7th November 2014, Abuja-Nigeria.

**Theme:** *Development of Sustainable Infrastructure in Africa*  
<http://www.wecsi2014.org>



**NSE PH Branch Year 2013 Engineering Week: Technical visit to Nestoil PLC, Port Harcourt.**



As part of the Nigerian Society Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Year 2013 Engineering Week, the branch went on a technical visit to Nestoil PLC, Port Harcourt, on Wednesday 27th November 2013. The team of engineers were led by the Chairman of the Engineering Week Committee Engr. (Wari-Alabo) Sodienye Jumbo who represented the Branch Chairman.

**NSE PH Branch Year 2013 Annual Dinner held on 30th November 2013 at the Branch Secretariat**



**R-L:** Engr. Prof. H. I. Hart FNSE, Engr. Oke Elechi & his spouse, Engr. Denis Dania FNSE and Mrs. Margret Dania and Engr. Austine Bob-Manuel .

Engr. Denis Dania FNSE and his family during his Fellowship celebration.



**L-R:** Engr. F. C. Ogolo FNSE, Engr. H. A. Igoni MNSE & his spouse and Engr. Bateim M. Ogariawo FNSE and his spouse.

NSE Port Harcourt Branch Chairman Engr. Denis Dania FNSE (right) inducting the new members to the society.



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