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Interview with Ing. Ben Richard Aniagyei, President, Ghana Institution of Engineers

Ing. Ben Richard Aniagyei, is the 44th President of Ghana Institution of Engineers (GhIE).

E-Newsletter: *What are the challenges Engineers in Ghana are facing; in terms of jobs, education and infrastructure?*

Ing. Aniagyei: So far as engineering is concerned, there are quite a number of universities currently, including the mother or the original Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology which is the main institution that produces engineers. Apart from that, a number of other institutions have now come up stream and are equally turning out a number of capable and qualified engineers in Ghana. Currently, there are over 900 engineers that have passed out (*sic*) of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology alone; the problem is, where are the jobs? Most of the main construction jobs that are being carried out are on design and building basis. These engineers that have come out (*sic*) even though some of them will go into the public sector, most of them will find themselves in the private sector with engineering consultants and contractors; but there are basically not many jobs in the country for them as most of the major jobs are being done by foreign firms. That is the main problem that we are currently having. The ques-



Ing. Ben Aniagyei

tion is, how will these engineers gain practical experience?

E-Newsletter: *Are the Government encouraging engineers through policies and laws?*

Ing. Aniagyei: Currently, one major thing that has happened which we are all happy about is the formation of Engineering Council Act. This Act has recently been passed and a Council has been formed and will be inaugurated in due course. The main responsibility of this council is to ensure that the practice of engineering in Ghana is practiced as per the laid down standards.

E-Newsletter: *Is there hope for the new generation of engineers in Ghana in terms of jobs and capacity building?*

President GhIE: Eventually yes. There are a lot of expansion works that are coming on. We also engage the Government and our sector Minister with other Ministers to push our case across. So far as job and capacity building are concerned, I think that the government is listening and very soon some policies will be put in place to make sure that young engineers, together with "Women in Engineering" are encouraged to take their respective positions and also get into jobs that will give them satisfaction and make them want to stay in engineering, rather than go and work for the banks or other sectors that will pay them more than the engineering profession will offer.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you sir.*

Date:

Thursday 23rd January 2014

Time: 4.00pm

Venue: Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo Secretariat, (Water Works Yard) #3 Bernard Carr Street, Port Harcourt.

Investiture Lecture Topic:

"The Role and Significance of PPP in National Infrastructure Development"

Chairman of the Occasion:

Engr. A. I. Olorunfemi, FNSE
President,
Nigerian Society of Engineers

The following Divisions of the Nigerian Society of Engineers have been nominated to be part of the 2014 Executive Committee

1. Nigerian Institution of Civil Engineers
2. Agriculture Division
3. Metallurgical, Mining & Materials & Division.

The chairmen of these divisions will represent the their divisions in the Executive Committee.



World Engineering Conference on Sustainable Infrastructure,
2nd - 7th November 2014, Abuja-Nigeria.
Theme: *Development of Sustainable Infrastructure in Africa*
<http://www.wecsi2014.org>



The Nigerian Society of Engineers Council Meeting held on Sunday 12th January 2014 at the NEC Auditorium, Abuja



Some Past Presidents of the Nigerian Society of Engineers at the Council meeting.

L-R: Engr. Otis Anyaeji FNSE (Deputy President), Engr. Ademola Olorunfemi FNSE (President) & Engr. A. K. Amshi FNSE (ES)



Executive Committee Members (front row & back row left & 2nd left) and other members at the Council meeting.



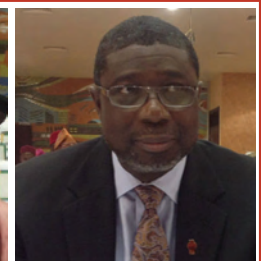
NSE PH Branch Chairman Engr. Kombo-Theophilus Johnson MNSE (left) & some Council members at the meeting.



Engr. Mrs. Margaret Oguntala, FNSE
Vice President, Corporate Resources & Media



Engr. Babagana Muhammed, FNSE
Vice President, Professional Development



Engr. Adekunle Mokuolu, FNSE
Vice President, Membership Services.



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