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Interview with Engr. Babagana Mohammed FNSE, Vice President, Professional Development

Engr. Babagana Mohammed FNSE, is the Vice President, Professional Development of the Nigerian Society of Engineers.

E-Newsletter: *What is professional development in engineering all about?*

Engr. Babagana: Professional Development in engineering is the core department in engineering because engineering is all about professional development. This is the department where we train people and make sure everything about engineering profession is taken care of.

E-Newsletter: *What do you have to tell the young engineers about professional development?*



Engr. Babagana Mohammed

Engr. Babagana: In fact, not only young engineers, even the old engineers. They need to constantly be upgrading themselves professionally. We are coming out with a new policy now because we cannot just allow that because you registered as an engineer that makes you an engineer. No, you must qualify some points. How do you qualify those points? You must take some training that qualifies you to be a member every year. The current trend now is, once you pick a form and register as an engineer, there is nothing else. You don't do anything. You don't attend conferences, you don't attend courses. How do you become knowledgeable, how do you become up to date. Technology is changing every day; new things are coming up every day. You stuck your gun over fifteen years and you still think you are an engineer? No, you must continuously upgrade, continuously do something. That is the point we are coming from.

WFEO Action Plan for the period 2013—2015

by **Eng. Marwan Abdelhamid**

President of World Federation of Engineering Organizations



The main focus of my action plan during my presidency will be on the implementation of the World Engineering Forum. As you may know, I am discussing with officials from different governments the possible hosting of the World Engineering Forum with the goal of promoting sustainable development in infrastructure and the built environment. Already, Mark Weichold from

Qatar participated in a meeting about this initiative at UNESCO last April, as attended by UNESCO Assistant Director General for the Science Sector who gave UNESCO support to this initiative. To date, I have also met with World Bank, OECD and US State Department officials as well as officers from leading US engineering organizations who all showed great interest in this project. In order to increase the WFEO resources and in addition to the above initiative, I shall continue the efforts made by Adel Al Kharafi to increase the number of national members. In fact, I succeeded in bringing some five members from Europe: Montenegro, Serbia, Croatia, Portugal and Turkey. I will also look for leading engineering companies to become Associate Members and will attach great importance to communication, fund raising and the visibility of WFEO. I would like to strengthen the relationship with our international organizations and will make sure



to meet with their presidents as soon as possible. As far as other international organizations and the UN bodies, I shall give my full support to the standing committees working with these organizations in the framework of the UN Sustainable Development Goals such as the committee on the environment, disaster risk management, the WFEO / UN relations committee and others. Standing Technical Committees must work together and look seriously into being involved in projects launched by international bodies and give advice to those who are looking for the engineering input and advice Supporting regional cooperation among our members is also very important and is considered as an important objective for some members, namely Eastern European countries with whom I have already started working in this field. Innovation in all engineering fields is now a must and I would like WFEO to look into some way of encouraging innovators especially in developing countries. Finally, the gender issue and youth are very important issues that are not only addressed by international organizations but also at local and regional levels. I would like to express my thanks to the former presidents of WFEO who made great efforts to bring WFEO where it stands today. I count on the executive council members and STC chairs to collaborate closely with me and inform me of any of their needs.



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

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



World Engineers Day around the World

REGION	DATES
AFRICA	TBC (Organizer: UNESCO, supported by WFEO)
EUROPE	20 November 2014 (Organizer: ECEC, EC-CE and FEANI)

COUNTRY	DATES
ARGENTINA	16 June*
AUSTRALIA	Engineer's week: 4-10 August 2014
BAHRAIN	1 July*
BELGIUM	20 March 2014
BOLIVIA	6 October*
BRAZIL	11 December 2014
BULGARIA	17-23 February 2014
CANADA	Engineer's Month: March 2014
CHILE	14 May*
COLOMBIA	17 August*
COSTA RICA	20 July*
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	14 August 2014
ECUADOR	29 June 2014
EGYPT	21-22 September 2014
FRANCE	3 April 2014
HONDURAS	16 July*
INDIA	15 September*
IRAN	23 February 2014
IRELAND	9-15 February 2014
ITALY	15 June 2014
JORDAN	7-8 April 2014
KOREA	30 March 2014
LUXEMBURG	8 February 2014
MALAYSIA	Engineer's week: 7-15 September 2014
MAURITIUS	13 September*
MEXICO	1 July 2014
MOROCCO	TBC (Organizer: Union Nationale des Ingénieurs Marocains)

COUNTRY	DATES
NEPAL	18 July*
NETHERLANDS	19 March*
PAKISTAN	10 January 2014
PANAMA	26 January*
PERU	8 June*
POLAND	Power engineer's day: 14 August 2014
PORTUGAL	23 November 2014
PUERTO RICO	Engineer's & Geometer's week: 13-19 May 2014
ROMANIA	14 September*
RUSSIA	Power engineer's day: 22 December 2014
SINGAPORE	23-24 October 2014
SLOVAKIA	16 March 2014
SLOVENIA	September 2014 (Date TBC)
SPAIN	19 March*
TAIWAN	6 June 2014
TANZANIA	5-6 September 2014
TUNISIA	26 October 2014
UNITED KINGDOM	Engineer's week: 14-23 March 2014
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Engineer's week: 22-28 February 2015
URUGUAY	12 October*
VENEZUELA	28 October*

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E-Newsletter: *For engineers who have left the engineering profession and have gone off course and they are not updating themselves as engineers, what do you have to tell them?*

Engr. Babagana: In fact we have to encourage them. Engineering is all about upgrading. We encourage them that is why we have courses specially for engineers. You can be 60 years, once an engineer is always an engineer because you need to upgrade. We are mentors, the younger ones are looking up to us, we have to provide the platform for them to come up. We cannot create generational gap of knowledge; it's not allowed. We will not agree to that. It has to be continuously flowing, until we reach where are expected to be.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you sir.*

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