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Interview with Engr. Wale Okunade, General Manager, EPRC

Engr. Wale Okunade, is the General Manager of the Engineering Practice and Resource Center (EPRC), owned by the Nigerian Society of Engineers and International Energy Service Limited.

E-Newsletter: *Sir, what is EPRC about?*

Engr. Wale: EPRC is established to equip engineers; young and old with the capacity to be able to match the expectations of national development. We currently engage in capacity development for all engineering based industries and individuals. Our focus is not only in Nigeria. We have the perspective of an African market and what we are doing at the moment is to be able to reach out to where professionals are around.



Engr. Wale Okunade

E-Newsletter: *What are the engineering fields that you are handling?*

Engr. Wale: There is no discrimination in our focus in engineering development especially in capacity and resource develop-

ment. We have focus in all areas and divisions of engineering and we render training at the moment in all areas of engineering.

E-Newsletter: *Have you had interactions with the various structures of NSE in capacity building?*

Engr. Wale: Yes. What we are trying to do this year is to reach out to divisions and branches. We recently returned from Port Harcourt, Uyo and Calabar, where we went to interact with the branch executives on our programs and how we can collaborate with them. The main focus of EPRC is to be the gate keeper of all engineers in Nigeria. We cannot do that without reaching out to branches and divisions. Recently in our board meeting, the need to reach out to NSE in totality and COREN was mentioned and it became a priority for management.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you sir.*



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WFEO Model Code of Practice

for Sustainable Development and Environmental Stewardship Think Global and Act Local

1. Maintain and continuously improve awareness and understanding of environmental stewardship, sustainability principles and issues related to your field of practice.
 2. Use expertise of others in the areas where your own knowledge is not adequate to address environmental and sustainability issues
 3. Incorporate global, regional, indigenous and local societal values applicable to your work, including local and community concerns, quality of life and other social concerns related to environmental impact along with traditional and cultural values.
 4. Implement sustainability outcomes at the earliest possible stage employing applicable standards and criteria related to sustainability and the environment.
 5. Assess the costs and benefits of environmental protection, ecosystem components and sustainability in evaluating the economic viability of the work, with proper consideration of climate change and extreme events.
 6. Integrate environmental stewardship and sustainability planning
- into the life-cycle planning and management of activities that impact the environment, and implement efficient, sustainable solutions.
7. Seek innovations that recognize environmental, social and economic factors while contributing to healthy surroundings in both the built and natural environment.
 8. Develop locally appropriate engagement processes for stakeholders, both external and internal, to solicit their input in an open and transparent manner, and respond to all concerns—economic, social and environmental in a timely fashioning ways that are consistent with the scope of your assignment. Disclose information necessary to protect public safety to the appropriate authorities.
 9. Ensure that projects comply with regulatory and legal requirements and endeavour to exceed or better them by the application of best available, economically viable methodologies, technologies and procedures for stakeholders.
 10. Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage but scientific certainty is lacking, implement risk mitigation measures in time to minimize environmental degradation.



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





L-R:Nnenna Nwakanma, Mr. Inye Kemabonta (Director of Standards, National Information Technology Development Agency, NITDA), Mrs. Funke Opeke (MD/CEO MainOne), Engr. John Ayodele (representative of the Minister of Communication Technology), Mr. Austin Okere (Chairman of the Forum and Group MD/CEO Computer Warehouse Group), Mrs. Mary Uduma (President of Nigeria Internet Registration Association, NIRA), Prof. Cleopas Angaye (former Director General of NITDA), Alhaja Sekinat Yusuf, Engr. Ubale Maska (Executive Commissioner NCC) and Dr. Emmanuel Ekuwem, during the 2014 Nigeria Internet Governance Forum (NIGF) with the theme: Harnessing Multi-Stakeholders Framework for Internet Governance and Economic Growth, held at MUSON Centre, Onikan, Lagos on Tuesday 10 June 2014. On Monday 9 June 2014, a Youth Workshop with the theme: Internet Governance for Job Creation & Social Enterprise Development was held at the same venue.



INSTITUTE OF APPRAISERS & COST ENGINEERS
A DIVISION OF THE NIGERIAN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS
Member, International Cost Engineering Council

Announces Her

2014 NATIONAL TECHNICAL Conference

Date: 16th – 18th June 2014

Time: 9.00am

Venue: Merit House, 22 Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja.

Theme: The Role of Valuation, Cost Engineering and Engineering Economy Perspective on Infrastructure Development.

Conference Fee: N20,000

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Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Branch General Meeting / Technical Evening

The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch General Meeting/Technical Evening holds as follows:

Date: Thursday 26th June 2014 | **Time:** 5.00pm | **Venue:** Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat, Port Harcourt.

Discussion: The Bureau for Public Procurement (BPP) Act by Engr. Prof. H. I. Hart, FNSE

Technical Evening: The 21st Century Engineer & Technical Sales by Engr. Francis Nimieboka, MNSE

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