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## **Interview with Ngozi Sarah Erenne**

Ngozi Sarah Erenne, is the Head, Council Secretariat of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, Headquarters, Abuja.

E-Newsletter: What is the Scope of Work at the Council secretariat?

Ngozi: My scope of work is to ensure efficient and optimal logistics support, to Council, EXCO and AGM. It also involves: Co-ordination of all Council matters, Preparation of Council Reports to Annual General Meetings, taking of



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General meetings, administration of Council correspondences, etc and any other duties assigned by the Executive Secretary

E-Newsletter: What are the challenges faced in the Council secretariat?

Ngozi: The Challenges are not many anyway. You would recall that Rule 29 of the Rules of Order of the Nigerian Society of

Engineers meetings states that all documents meant for Council should be sent to all Council Members at least Seven days before the Council meeting in which such documents are to be considered, to enable them have first-hand information on such matters before deliberation. But this has not always been complied with; in fact, we still receive reports from Departments, Committees, Branches, Divisions etc even few hours before Council meetings. This does not allow Council members ample time to study such documents for effective and objective deliberations and decision.

E-Newsletter: How do you think this scenario can be improved on?

notes during Executive Committee meetings, Council and Annual Ngozi: Well, the newly-constituted Business and Rules Committee which has as one of its cardinal duties to ensure orderly conduct of meetings, is working towards total compliance to this

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



Representatives of the Niger Delta Anti-Corruption Network (2nd & 4th from left) during a courtesy visit to the Chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson, FNSE, (3rd from left) on Wednesday 18th February 2015 at Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat (NSE Port Harcourt Branch secretariat), Port Harcourt.

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The Nigerian Society of Engineers invites technical and position papers from Engineers, higher institutions, research institutes, public and private sector, as well as Economists and Policy Formulators for year 2015 National conference holding at the International Culture & Events Centre (Dome), Akure from  $16^{th} - 20^{th}$  November, 2015.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

.Analyze the state of critical infrastructure required to propel Economic growth.

.Characterize the technological breakthrough required to support the nation's infrastructure and the production sector of Nigeria Economy-on sector basis.

.Develop a road-man for sustainable human capital development to drive the much needed infrastructural revolution to make Nigeria competitive. .Come up with a strategic plan that provides direction on the pathways to promote the integration of critical infrastructure development which can serve as corridors for sustainable implementation to the NIMP.

**.Brain-storm** on legal and institutional framework to promote existing and future investment opportunities in the provision of critical infrastructure by public and private sectors.

**.Develop** realistic and forward looking concessionary strategies that would encourage stimulate the establishment of strategic regional and nation infrastructure which can encourage the integrated approach at all levels.

**.Develop** a robust monitoring, evaluation and feedback mechanism involving all relevant stakeholders for tracking, supervising all efforts directed at infrastructural development initiatives to ensure quality assurance and cost effectiveness.

#### **SUB-THEMES**

The following sub-themes shall be addressed among others:

.Coordinated approach to fast track infrastructure development for cost effectiveness and competitiveness

.Managing infrastructure data for successful implementation of NIIMP

**.Strengthening** the linkages between key components in the infrastructure sector and the national economy

.Mainstreaming of sectors infrastructure master plans into national development agenda for enhanced performance and efficiency

**.Promoting** synergy between the 3 tiers of Government for prioritization and harmonization of infrastructural projects/programs implementation.

**.Economic** integration of contiguous regions as a pre-requisite for attracting foreign direct investment to propel sustainable infrastructural development

.PPP as a veritable tool to promote sustainable delivery of infrastructure development in Nigeria

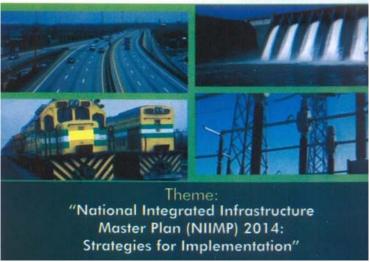
**.Strengthening** policy, legal and institutional frameworks for regulation ,monitoring & evaluation in the delivery of quality infrastructure , and involvement of the professional community.

.Knowledge-driven and research& development to support the nations infrastructural drive.

.Capacity development for benchmarking, gap analysis, target setting and score card generation for effective and timely assessment of infrastructure growth to propel the nation's economic growth

**.Mechanism** for resource mobilization and financing infrastructure development projects on a sustainable basis





## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF THE MANUSCRIPT

**Presentation medium:** Manuscripts accepted for the conference must be submitted in electronic form as a single electronic file on CD-ROM or flash drive. The current software format is that of Microsoft word (MS-word) latest edition.

**Illustrations and graphics:** All drawings shall be prepared electronically with software compatible with Microsoft office suite (e.g MS-PowerPoint, Visio) and integrated seamlessly into the MS-word document. Photographs must be digitized into JPEG format and inserted seamlessly into the MS-word document.

**Equations:** Mathematical equations shall be constructed within the MS -Word document, using the Microsoft Equation Editor included with the MS-Office suite.

**Tables:** All tables shall be labeled at the top with the word "Table" followed by a sequential numerical letter.

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**The closing date** for submission of Abstract shall be from 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015 while the notification of acceptance of the Abstract will be effected by 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The closing date for submission of full text shall be 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015 will notification of acceptance of the manuscript will be effected by 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 2015. Electronic submission should be sent to the following email addresses: pd@nse.org.ng, es@nse.org.ng, szabubakar@yahoo.co.uk

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