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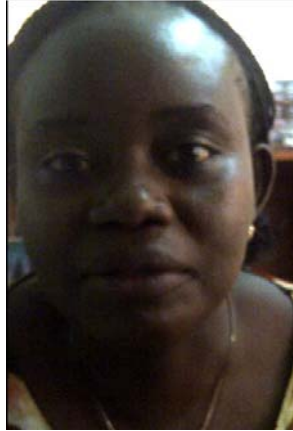
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Happy Easter

Interview with Mrs. Maureen Obi-Okeke

Mrs. Maureen Obi-Okeke, is the Head of Branch Coordination and Target Enrolment Unit under Membership Department of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Headquarters, Abuja..

E-Newsletter: *The online platform has been introduced for membership application and registration for NSE, what is the reason behind this and also the challenges that this new practise will bring to NSE members.*



Maureen Obi-Okeke

Mrs. Maureen: Over the years, we have been engaging in manual applications, using forms but since last year the Nigerian Society of Engineers developed a platform for online application for membership. This process commenced in July 2014 and since then we have gotten a tremendous result because it's much more convenient for a prospective candidate to apply from anywhere in the world. This online membership application can be seen as friendly. All it takes is the candidate having his details uploaded in the system, fill the data page, upload their credentials and make payment online so the risk of moving cash

from one place to another is avoided.

Membership drive is where we are heading to now. It is a way of reaching out to our various prospective members who may not have access to come to us. At the click of a button people would be able to join the Nigerian Society of Engineers. We started this last year, it's an ongoing process, we have gotten input from people who have used the system and we are also trying to develop it and make it more effective and user friendly. The little challenge we might have is the issue of the online payment. Quite a number of people still haven't accepted the online payment platform due to fear of fraud or being hacked. We want to use this platform to assure our prospective candidates that the online payment is very secured to make payments. The platform is interfaced with our interswitch. We have gotten feedback from candidates on the issue of uploading documents online and what we advice them to do is to follow the instructions strictly and try to reduce the size of documents they intend to upload to the size stated. This makes their registration much easier and much more user friendly.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you madam.*



The voice of the world's engineers was heard at the 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan

Engr. Prof. Toshimitsu Komatsu, the chair of the World Federation of Engineering Organisation's Committee of Disaster Risk Management, took part in the conference to stress the importance of engineering in preparations for disasters. He represented WFEO in sessions on multiple urban risks and resilient cities and on resilient land using big data.

A poster presentation on adaptation for water-related and landslide disasters was also contributed. WFEO is part of the International Consortium on Landslides which met in March to sign a partnership with the United Nations Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR).]

In a preparatory meeting, the Tokyo Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience (Tokyo Conference) in Japan, Prof.

Komatsu advocated for implementation-orientated approaches to technology in a session on improving risk management. This event was in partnership with the Science Council of Japan, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and an initiative called Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) – organisations that WFEO has engaged with regularly in the run-up to the Sendai world conference.

The Sendai conference led to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, known as the Post-2015 Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction or the 'Hyogo Framework for Action 2'. WFEO has been closely co-ordinating with the process to shape inputs from the global science and technology community. Seven targets were reached, including one specifically to "substantially reduce disaster damage to critical infrastructure and the disruption of basic services".

Visit:

<http://www.wfeo.org/voice-worlds-engineers-heard-3rd-world-conference-disaster-risk-reduction-sendai-japan/>



13—15 Septembers 2015, Dubai,
United Arab Emirates
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World Congress on Engineering Education

29– 30 October 2015 |
Beirut, Lebanon

Engineering Education

for Sustainable Development

Call for Papers

26 June 2015 – Deadline for submission of paper

31 July 2015 – Notification of Acceptance

30 August 2015 – Final submission of revised paper

This Congress is organized by the Committee on Education in Engineering – World Federation of Engineering Organizations in collaboration with the Federation of Lebanese Engineers, the American Society of Engineering Education and the American Society of Civil Engineers. **The Congress themes are: Engineering Education, and policy knowledge base relevant to sustainability, Innovations in education and learning research, Education on engineering sustainability, with particular emphasis on socioeconomic and environmental implications, Environmental, energy and societal engineering sustainability, Support for interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary education/ learning science research,**

Development of the cyber structure and research instrumentation needed to enable sustainability in engineering,

Effects of accreditation on engineering education for sustainability,

Co-curricular activities for learning sustainability,

Effective strategies for engaging students in learning about sustainability in engineering,

Barriers, Challenges, and Drivers for Universities to become more sustainability-focused,

Experiences and lessons learnt from embedding sustainability in engineering curricula,

Education for Sustainable Development at Universities in the MENA Region: Challenges, Opportunities and Best Practices,

Principles and Standards of sustainability in engineering education,

Sustainability and industry: Barriers, challenges and best practices,

Engineering curricula and sustainability (methodology, programs, ethics, learning applications...

<http://www.wfeo.org/events/world-congress-engineering-education-2015/>



The Nigerian Society of Engineers

Presents

NATIONAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



THEME:

“National Integrated Infrastructure Master Plan 2014: Strategies For Implementation”

Venue: International Culture & Event Centre (Dome), Akure, Ondo State

Date: Monday 16th— Friday 20th November 2015

Conference Registration

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| 1. Early Bird (Not later than September 30, 2015) | = N30,000 | 4. Graduates = N10,000 |
| 2. From October 1, 2015 | = N40,000 | 5. Students = N5,000 |
| 3. Spouses | = N10,000 | |



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