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Interview with Mr. Ibifiri A. C. Bob-Manuel

Mr. Ibifiri A. C. Bob-Manuel, is the President of Rivers Entrepreneur and Investors Forum (REIF).

E-Newsletter: *Sir, what can you tell us about the business environment?*

Mr. Bob-Manuel: I have passion for trying to create a proper environment for businesses to thrive knowing that today we are lagging behind by the way the country is structured and the way our various economies are structured. For me personally, I think we could really improve upon the economy of the country by doing some really basic things like creating proper security would improve the economy of the society, creating the various enabling environment for businesses to thrive (small businesses), injecting funds into the small business sector that would really go a long way. Access to funds is good, it would help to grow the economy and at the same time the government should pass basic policies that would engender confidence in the business sector.

E-Newsletter: *What are the key things Government can do to create an enabling environment?*



Mr. Ibifiri A. C. Bob-Manuel

Mr. Bob-Manuel: Well, government should pass the necessary laws that will create confidence in investors and at the same time allow investors to really take charge of the economy because you find out that in this part the government would always want to directly play a role in the economy. They should create that enabling environment that will allow the businesses to take charge and take lead of the businesses or the business climate. What basically they should do is to pass those basic laws that would encourage businesses to have the freedom to express themselves in what they do but if government has to play a role then they have to try doing it by partnering with private businesses through the Public Private Partnership programme and the government should have limited stakes in such investments; as little as 5/10 percent and allow the other 90 percent to be in private sector because the private sector would go the extra mile to derive their dreams faster than the government would derive its dream.

E-Newsletter: *What is supposed to be the role of the private investors to create the enabling environment?*

Mr. Bob-Manuel: Basically the role of the investors is to do their business and pay their taxes. If they do that and abide by the rules that are laid out by the government then that's their role. Eventually it is paying their taxes, contributing to the growth of the economy and creating jobs that that will be their role.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you sir.*



The World Federation of Engineering Organizations - Committee on Engineering and the Environment (WFEO-CEE) and Farming First (a global coalition for sustainable agricultural development) collaborated on a blog discussing the important role of engineers and engineering towards reducing world hunger.

This is one of the key post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals being finalized by the United Nations for approval at its General Assembly in September 2015.

Engineering will contribute significantly towards achieving many of the targets defined for meeting the goals, among them the significant reduction of hunger and poverty.

For more, visit:

<http://www.farmingfirst.org/2015/04/fethi-thabet-how-the-worlds-engineers-can-make-hunger-history/>




**COUNCIL FOR THE REGULATION OF ENGINEERING IN NIGERIA
ANNOUNCES THE**

24TH

ENGINEERING ASSEMBLY

Theme:
**OVERCOMING
THE CHALLENGES OF
NIGERIAN MONOLITHIC ECONOMY:
The Role of Engineering Profession**

Venue: International Conference Centre, Garki, Abuja.
Date: 10th - 12th August, 2015 **Time:** 9:00am



REGISTRATION:

- Engineers & Technologists
 ₦30,000 Pre-Registration on or before 10th July, 2015
 ₦35,000 after 10th July, 2015
- Technicians and Craftsmen: ₦40,000 Flat

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 or at the venue from 10:00am 10th August, 2015

**The Nigerian Society of Engineers
Port Harcourt Branch**

General Meeting/Technical Evening

Date:
Thursday, 30th April 2015

Time:
5:00pm

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

Presentation by:



Engr. Prof. K. D. H. Bob-Manuel, FNSE

Title of Presentation:
Renewable / Sustainable Energy for
Marine Transportation



The Nigerian Society of Engineers
Presents

**NATIONAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE
AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Sunshine 2015

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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