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Interview with Engr. David Abu Ozigi

Engr. David Abu Ozigi, is the Director in charge of Technology, Innovation and Infrastructure in SMEDAN.

E-Newsletter: *Sir, what can you tell us about start up, what is start up in growing a business?*

Ozigi: SMEDAN, as an agency focuses on two areas; we facilitate the creation of new businesses on one hand while on the other hand we promote the growth of existing businesses. Now start up refers to people who are otherwise unemployed. It is a challenge for people who don't have business of their own and want to begin a new business and that is part of the reason some of our youths are unemployed. I was privileged to graduate from university in 1984 and at that time, in final year I already had three employment offers but today we have graduates of five, ten years who are still unemployed so you can see the shift between the period of 31 years. It is quite clear that government alone cannot employ her citizens as such it has become obvious to us that people should begin to think of being employers of labour instead of being employees. So it's for the unemployed youths to begin to think of how to start businesses. In our country lots of opportunities are available. SMEDAN will compliment by giving people entrepreneurship and managerial trainings so they can know the act of managing a new business. The resources are there to tap into and start a business and there are institutions that can be empowered to deliver trainings on soft and hard skills that will make people start their own businesses and run them profitably.

E-Newsletter: *How do you help small, micro and large business-*



Engr. David A. Ozigi

es to grow in their categories?

Ozigi: SMEDAN, helps businesses grow from one level to another. A business will not exist in the sky, it should have access to work space, finance and the necessary equipment and machineries to be used and the relevant skills. What we do is to draw the attention of existing business operators to these resources, their availability and their requirements. The entrepreneur has the responsibility to coordinate these resources for making products and rendering services.

E-Newsletter: *In all these, how is engineering connected?*

Ozigi: Entrepreneurship is about meeting the needs of the community as it were and environment. I personally believe there is no discipline that is well equipped to promote entrepreneurship as much as engineering because simply put, an Engineer is a problem solver. It means you must have identified that there is a problem. First and foremost, a problem is the desire to move from one state to the other. This movement from one state to the other is known as the solution we are talking about and there is no discipline that is well equipped to provide that solution than engineering. So the engineers are better equipped to be entrepreneurs, they are better equipped to own and run businesses. A business has to do with input of raw materials and output of products and services and the conversion from raw materials to products is all about engineering.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you sir.*

NIGF 2015
THEME: HARNESSING THE POTENTIALS OF INTERNET GOVERNANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA

DATE: 20th & 21st JULY, 2015
VENUE: NAF Conference Center and Suites, Jahi District, Abuja
TIME: 8:00AM Daily

<<<CLICK HERE TO REGISTER>>>

The objective of the Nigeria Internet Governance Forum (NIGF) 2015 is to dialog with stakeholders on how the Internet Governance Ecosystem potentials would be harnessed for Nigerian economic growth and sustenance.



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DATE: 28th - 29th July, 2015

TIME: 9:00AM – 5:00PM Daily

VENUE: NSE, Port Harcourt Branch Secretariat
 3 Bernard Carr Street, Water Works Yard, Near Civic Centre
 Rivers State Library, Port Harcourt

FEE: (50,000) Per Participant (Fee is inclusive of course materials, tea/coffee, lunch, tuition, group photograph and certificate)

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

Engineers, Managers, Corporate and Business Planners, Directors of Functional Area in Marketing, Operations and Finance, Architects, Accountants, Human Resource Managers, Estate Surveyors and Builders and other Allied Professionals.

TO REGISTER, KINDLY CONTACT:

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Payment for the Workshop should be made into: Bank Name: UBA Plc Account No: 1000183629 Account Name: NSE PH Branch

The Nigerian Content and Career Development Committee of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch organizes the 2015 Nigerian Content Week of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch.

Date: 28th - 30th September, 2015.
Venue: Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat, Water Works Yard, #3 Bernard Carr Street, Port Harcourt.

Exhibitors, Sponsors and Partners are invited.

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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



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

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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