



### Interview with Engr. Mrs. Idaresoari Harriet Ateke, MNSE

**Engr. Mrs. Idaresoari Harriet Ateke, MNSE, is an Executive Committee member of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch.**

**E-Newsletter:** *Madam, do you think it is convenient for women to practice engineering?*

**Harriet:** Yes, it is convenient for women to practice engineering. Women are as intelligent as men, they have good sense of reasoning and can add their God given natural gift of patience to achieve greatness in technology and Engineering fields just like their male counterpart. It is a proven fact that "What a man can do, a woman also do mostly in the area of learning and development. Many women are now in the field of engineering and practicing and contributing to national development in all fields of engineering.

**E-Newsletter:** *Are there challenges in women practicing the engineering profession and if there are, how can they be resolved?*

**Harriet:** It is a fact that till today, the engineering field is still dominated by the males and even the management is also dominated by the males. This therefore means that women engineers are not at advanced levels to make changes that will positively improve other female engineers. "He who had the bite will tell better how it tastes". Until we have women engineers in top managerial positions that can take critical decisions in the executive cadre, this challenge will continue to linger.



Harriet I. Ateke

**Inflexibility with work structure (Work Culture):** Women engineers need flexible work structure that can consider them as mothers. Due consideration should be given to women engineers. If a female civil engineer is expecting, of course she will not want to climb structures for inspection while pregnant (although this depends on a lot of other factors).

**Lack of Role Models/Mentors:** Most female engineers lack role models or a mentor even after acquiring the engineering certificate. There is constant need for experienced women in engineering to be looked upon for advise and guidelines. It is very important for a more experienced employee to show the young women every need and directions to promote and attain accomplishments while working. This lead to women engineers leaving their profession for other jobs because of child bearing and taking care of young ones.

**Gender differences:** Women engineers often work with more male engineers at the workplaces, they are not generally accepted as part of the workforce. Sometimes women are faced with subtle and intentional exclusion, sexual harassment, and discrimination in hiring and pay. Women engineers are less likely to be promoted than their male colleagues because of gender differences. Women and men have different interaction ways and it is natural for women engineers to feel different within the men dominated environment than if they are in a female dominated workplace.

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

The Executive Committee of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch led by the Branch Chairman Engr. Emmanuel Idoniboye, MNSE (front row 3rd from left) paid a birthday visit to Engr. Fyne Chima Ogolo, FNSE (front row 4th from left, Past Chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch) in his residence.





The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch seminar on “Professional Paths for Young Engineers” held on Tuesday 8th March 2016 at the Branch secretariat. The seminar presentation was done by Engr Sir Innocent Akuvue, FNSE

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**General Meeting/Technical Evening**  
**Date:** Thursday, 31st March 2016  
**Time:** 5:00pm

**Venue:** Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat, Water Works Yard, #3 Bernard Carr Street, Port Harcourt.  
**Presentation Topic:** Impact of Climate Change on Transportation Infrastructure in Nigeria: A Case Study of Rivers State by Engr. George Senibo, MNSE

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