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YEAR 2009 NSE PH ENGINEERING WEEK : THEME ENGINEERING STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NIGER DELTA  
16th — 22nd November, 2009

### Opening Ceremony: Monday 16th November 2009



### Exhibition Stands: Monday 16th November 2009



### Technical Evening: Thursday 19th November 2009

1st Speaker: Mr. Ajibola Ogunseye, GD, Rivers State Sustainable Development Agency presenting his paper titled Engineering As Foundation for Sustainable Industrial Development – Challenges of Sustainable Development in the Niger Delta.



2nd Speaker: Engr. Alexis Akwukwaegbu, Coordinator-Technical Services & Nigerian Content, TOTAL E&P Nig. Ltd., PH, presenting his paper titled Commercially viable mega projects—Key to the sustainable development of the Niger Delta.

The Branch visited "The Street Child" of Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul home, Mile 2 Dioubu, PH & presented assorted food item gift to the inmates on 18/11/2009



A team of Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria (APWEN) PH Chapter led by the chairman Engr. Mrs. Ohagwa conducted a career talk in Methodist (Harbour) Girls Grammar School, Port Harcourt on Wednesday 18/11/2009 as part of the programme of activities of the Engineering Week of NSE PH Branch.

Annual Dinner/Celebration of Fellowship/Induction of new members. Saturday 21/11/2009



NSE PH Branch Chairman addressing the gathering



Senior Fellows of NSE with their spouses



Celebrated Fellows: Engrs. Clifford, Frank-Opiko & Ujile

**THE NIGERIAN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS - FELLOWSHIP CONFIRMATION DINNER**

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009, **Venue:** Grand Ballroom, Nikon Luxury, Abuja

The Fellowship confirmation dinner was chaired by the Hon Minister of Works, Dr Hasan Lawal. The national President of NSE Engr. Kashim Abdul Ali, FNSE and his Deputy, Engr. O. A. Ajibola, FNSE, the three vice Presidents, Engr. M. B. Shehu, FNSE, Engr. Mrs. Mayen Adetiba, FNSE, Engr. Kunle Mokuolu, FNSE and chairman Board of Fellows, Engr. O. W. Uzebu, FNSE among other fellows were present to witness the ceremony. Our publicity secretary, Engr. Dr. Awajioyak Anthony Ujile was among those conferred with the fellowship award.



NSE PRESIDENT inducting Engr. Ujile in Abuja



Dinner Time



Some of the inductees

**INCLUSION OF ERM ACTIVITIES TO GROUP DYNAMICS AT NSE AGM**

The empowerment of the Nigerian Engineer appears to be the principal aspiration of many engineers and so its recurrence in most discussions in the forum is not unexpected. The consensus opinion in achieving this ideal also tends to support the collective endeavor of all and sundry – leaders and followers alike.

The Engineering Regulating and Monitoring (ERM) Scheme was established to facilitate the involvement of engineers in sanitizing the engineering practice in the country; The main objective being to flush out quacks in the practice such that only legitimate practitioners could operate. Although the objective of the ERM scheme is very laudable, the same cannot be said of its effectiveness. Ironically, the effectiveness of the scheme is also underpinned on the Branches in the ERM zone since they recommend persons as Inspectors for the scheme. It is also true that the Branches can withdraw an ineffective Inspector, which actually happened sometime in the Warri Branch. It therefore, follows that if the Branches can be made to participate more actively in the ERM scheme, then a better performance should result and by extension improvement in the empowerment of engineers. The question one may ask, have we been able to achieve this? In recent times, the Branches and Divisions Group Dynamics (GD) competition has evolved to be considered the high point of every NSE conference. Engineers wait in frenzy for the outcome of the competition. Earlier in the year, most Branches and Divisions align their planned activities in consonance with the criteria of the GD competition. Considerable and concerted efforts and resources are expended by the Branches and Divisions to ensure that they excel at the competition; It was not funny to many engineers when those expected to perform well are found rated below standard. One sometimes wonders if the initiators of the competition actually anticipated the degree of acceptability that now greets the competition. A lot of kudos should also go to the organizing committee. The committee also does not tarry to intimate the Branches and Divisions of the ground rules and criteria early in the year. One could safely say that it is but one scheme of the NSE that appears to be working very well. Some Branches have already adopted it for their various Chapters. The ground rules or criteria of the GD Competition as forwarded by the organizing committee to the Branches and Divisions establish quite some structure and transparency into the competition. The score items are also relevant to the aspiration of the NSE. However, the omission of specific action(s) on the promotion of the ERM activities, in our opinion, is a major missed opportunity especially as it relates to the empowerment of engineers. The highlights of the score items as forwarded to the Branches for the 2009 competition are as follows:

- 1. Professional Activities - 35 marks
- 2. Growth - 4 marks
- 3. Organization - 20 marks
- 4. Finance - 10 marks
- 5. Publicity - 9 marks
- 6. Supports (financial) to HQ - 22 marks

The item on the Promotion of the ERM Activities should not only be included but should also be accorded substantial weighting average.

*Engr. Asa Pokima, FNSE*



**NSChE 2009**

**NIGERIAN SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS**  
(A Division of Nigerian Society of Engineers)  
39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & AGM

Theme: The Global Economy- 'The role of chemical Engineering in Nigeria'

**Venue:** Nikon Luxury Abuja, **Date:** 12<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

At the opening ceremony, the Hon Minister of Petroleum, Dr Rilwanu Lukman was represented by Dr Emmanuel Egbogah, and other important dignitaries. Highlight of the conference was the plenary sessions which centered on Agriculture, Energy, and Water Resources, manufacturing, Environment and core chemical engineering fundamentals. The dinner which brought the conference to an end featured the conferment of Fellowship on five respected personalities including, Engr. Dr Awajioyak Anthony Ujile (FNSChE). The communiqué of the conference will be published in our next edition of the e-newsletter.

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