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Interview with COREN President, Engr. Mustapha Bulama FNSE, during the 20TH COREN Zonal Engineering Assembly in Enugu

Engr. Mustapha Bulama FNSE, is the President of Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN). The E-newsletter team had a chat with him during the 20th COREN Zonal Engineering Assembly that was held on 2nd and 3rd August 2011 in Enugu.

E-Newsletter: *Could you please tell us why the COREN Engineering Assembly was zoned to hold in Ibadan in June, Kaduna in July and Enugu in August?*

COREN President: Well the zoning decision is a decision of COREN council. COREN in its wisdom felt that instead of having a centralized COREN Engineering Assembly, this time around we should go round in at least three different locations within the country. So we agreed on Ibadan, Kaduna and Enugu. We also drastically reduced the registration fee from N20,000 (twenty thousand naira) to N5,000 (five thousand naira) to enable many members of the engineering family as possible to be able to subscribe to the registration and also attend. In this regard,



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high cost of transportation and high cost of accommodation has also been reduced. Also instead of two days, we packaged the Assemble into one full day. The first day is for house members to hold visitations and also have our press conference. This time around, the house members visited the technical colleges in each of the locations. While in Enugu, we visited the Government Technical College because Council have resolved that there is great need to give attention to technical education especially in the foundation level and that is the technical colleges.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you very much sir. The theme for this year's COREN Engineering Assembly is "The Nigerian Content Development Act: A Turning Point for Engineering Practice in Nigeria". Why was this theme chosen?*

COREN President: Since the local content policy was mooted by the Federal Government in 2004, the engineering community has been promoting the Bill because the Oil and Gas industry which the Local Content Bill is focusing on is majorly of engineering nature; only about 10% of even non-engineering services are rendered by Nigerians, while the bulk of 90% of the engineering content is been exported

20th COREN Zonal Engineering Assembly held in Enugu on 2nd & 3rd August 2011



Engr. Prof. H. I. Hart FNSE, Engr. Prof. M. J. Ayotamuno & Engr. Nwkorobia (behind right)



L-R: Engr. Atume, Rep of Minister of Works, Engr. Mustapha Bulama, Deputy Governor of Enugu State Mr. Sunday Onyebuchi & Chairman of the occasion .



Engr. Brown Ahorka & Engr. Goodluck Ikenyiri



Engr. Fyne Chima Ogolo FNSE (middle)

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or expatriate personnel are brought into the country to undertake and provide those services and procurement. So since the mooting of the policy in 2004 the engineering community has been pushing on that. Fortunately within the last two years the issue was taken up



Engr. Mustapha Bulama FNSE & Engr. Otunte

by one of our engineers who was in the senate, Engr. Sen. Lee Maeba; who took up the local content bill as a personal bill and he was able to promote and get it passed into law and it was signed a year ago by President Goodluck Jonathan. There is huge opportunity for members of the engineering family to provide engineering services including construction of facilities for the oil and gas. In addition, in the board of the 'Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board' (NCDMB) COREN has a seat and the President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers is the representative of COREN on that board. So COREN feels that it is also her responsibility to promote this Act in the engineering community and also among engineers so that opportunities are made known; that Nigerians fit in and to ensure that the laws that have been stated by the Federal Government is made known. That is why we choose this topic just to create awareness for both the engineering community and the Nigerian entrepreneurs that may be interested in going into the oil and gas opportunities that has been created by that law. COREN thinks it has a duty to promote these laws being on the board of NCDMB and also for Nigerians to be aware that such law has been passed and making opportunities available to Nigerians.



A moment captured during the burial of the late wife of Engr. Yke Nwokocha on Saturday 23rd July 2011 at Ekerifeze in Imo State. Behind (in brown clothe) is Engr. Edward Orupabo, Welfare Secretary NSE PH Branch.



NSE PH Branch EXCO members in a meeting on Thursday 11 July 2011



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An ICT4All Awareness seminar was held in Teelon International Schools, Onne-Eleme on 22nd July 2011. The proprietress of the school Mrs. George (far right) appreciated the ICT4All team (NSE PH Branch InfoTech/Library Committee, NEPAD Rivers State & ISOC Nigeria Chapter) for visiting the school to educate the staff and students/pupils on the importance of Information & Communication Technology.

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