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### Interview with Engr. J. A. O. Akinbowale, Chairman, Water Division of NSE

*Engr. J. A. O. Akinbowale MNSE, is the National Chairman of Water Division of the Nigerian Society of Engineers.*

**E-Newsletter:** *What are the challenges of the Water Division?*

**Engr. Akinbowale:** Presently, the challenge has to do with the competition of various other disciplines, not really discipline of engineering but other professions. In the Ministry of Water Resources for example; Department of Dams, dam is predominately engineering but presently it appears that it is geologist or hydro-geologist and the rest of them that are taking charge and this is demoralizing the engineers in that department and it is a challenge. At the local government level, these environmental health officers are claiming to be in charge of boreholes and water supply. They call the department WES that is; Water and Environmental Services Department and they are not professionals in water supply. So we have that challenge. Of course, the Division on its own is having its own internal challenge like our Codes and Standards. You



Engr. J. A. O. Akinbowale

know that the division is actually a sectoral division. This is because it is a sector that has other disciplines of engineering like mechanical, electrical, civil coming together to achieve a project. Take for example, in dams, there are mechanical and electrical issues there. Like in building, we are working on Codes and Standard for water supply to building and later we discover that mechanical division has done something on it as a draft. So we now have to set up a ad hoc committee that will link up with other elite engineering divisions so that we can have a holistic Codes and Standards. We will partner with them and make our own contributions. Concerning the issue of water, we strongly believe that it should be an Institution and we are still in the process and we applied in December to become an institution, that is the Nigerian Institution of Water Engineers and we embraced all the professionals, all the engineering disciplines in the field. We even want to bring in all the plumbers, welders, etc. so that as we have in COREN, our own family will be complete and anything water engineering will be handled as a complete sector. Until we are able to achieve that, I think we still have to continue to struggle.

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



The Institute of Appraisers & Cost Engineers (IACE) held her 2014 National Technical Conference with the theme: "The Role of Valuation, Cost Engineering and Engineering Economy in Infrastructure Development" on Tuesday 17 June 2014 in Abuja. The Keynote address was delivered by the Supervising Minister of Niger Delta, Arc. Darius Dickson Ishaku FNIA.

**Photo:** COREN President, Engr. K. A. Ali FNSE, mni, Vice President Professional Development of NSE Engr. Babagana Muhammed FNSE (rep NSE President), Supervising Minister of Niger Delta, Arc. Darius Dickson Ishaku FNIA, IACE Chairman Engr. Chief Giandomenico Massari FNSE and the Deputy President of NSE Engr. Otis Anyaeji FNSE.



**World Engineering Conference on Sustainable Infrastructure,**  
2nd - 7th November 2014, Abuja-Nigeria.

**Theme:** *Development of Sustainable Infrastructure in Africa*  
<http://www.wecsi2014.org>





The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Environment Committee visit to the Rivers State Environmental Sanitation Agency in Port Harcourt. The NSE team was led by the Branch Chairman Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson MNSE (3rd from left).

### Explore the world's engineering profession with new online tool from WFEO

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### Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Branch General Meeting / Technical Evening

The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch General Meeting/Technical Evening holds as follows:

**Date:** Thursday 26th June 2014 | **Time:** 5.00pm | **Venue:** Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat, Port Harcourt.

**Discussion:** The Bureau for Public Procurement (BPP) Act by Engr. Prof. H. I. Hart, FNSE

**Technical Evening:** The 21st Century Engineer & Technical Sales by Engr. Francis Nimieboka, MNSE



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