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### Interview with Akunwa Kingsley

**Akunwa Kingsley**, is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ProNet Smarhouses.

**E-Newsletter:** Sir, on the “ Role of an Engineer as an Entrepreneur in an Emerging Economy ” which you presented during the Young Engineers Open House Forum, can you throw more light on it?

**Akunwa:** Nigeria as a country is an margin economy in terms of our capital base and market strength and engineers are drivers of this economy. My fear is the passion to ensure that engineers are the major drivers of the economy as entrepreneurs and business traders. We have the technical capacity. It depends how we can extend our knowledge base to and management skills and leadership so we can effectively function and help grow the economy by creating job and economy prosperity.

**E-Newsletter:** What role do you think young engineers can play?

**Akunwa:** Young engineers who are very active fresh from school should start imbibing the culture of extending their knowledge base to management skills. It is one thing for an engineer to come up with an idea, a product and solutions. It is also important for an engineer to think of how to commercialize those solutions. One needs to understand what the market value is when you



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launch a product. For instance, when you come up with a new technology on how to make phones, what is your target market, what are the solutions, these are things we need to look at to help increase our capacity interest. We have a huge demand on consuming products across all sectors. We need people who will come up with new solutions to meet the new challenges that may be emerging. It is important that we have young engineers who will take up this challenge and help the economy grow.

**E-Newsletter:** What advise do you have for young engineers that intends to go into entrepreneurship?

**Akunwa:** The first thing I think is to have passion for what they do. The second thing is to get deeply involve in knowledge base and market research and try to see where their ideas fit in best. It is important that the young engineers make future plans on how to constantly innovate ideas because is one thing to come up with an idea and how long such idea can sustain its value. They need to constantly know what the market trend is. It is also important that for young engineers to pickup careers in other related disciplines. They can pick up management skills which is really important in handling a business and try to see how such business helps in creating jobs and providing work for the nation at large.

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



NSE Port Harcourt Branch Chairman Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson, FNSE (front row left) at Council meeting of the Nigerian Society of Engineers held on Thursday 10th September 2015 at the National Engineering Center, Abuja.



Cross section of Council members of the Nigerian Society of Engineers during the Council meeting that was held on Thursday 10th September 2015 at the National Engineering Center, Abuja. The meeting was Chaired by the NSE President Engr. Ademola Isaac Olorunfemi, FNSE.

**The Nigerian Content and Career Development Committee**  
**Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch**

2015 Nigerian Content Week (Workshop & Exhibition) of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch.

**Theme: Review Nigerian Content Gains, Challenges & Prospects in the Niger Delta since Inception**

**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.

**A – EXHIBITION (for the 3 days)**

**A1 - Inside Hall per Booth (Booth Size = 3M by 3M) = N120,000 (Maximum of 10 Booths, allocated on basis of First-come, First-served)**

**A2 - Outside (with or without canopy provided) = N120,000 (Outside exhibition space is more than adequate)**

**B – SHOW-CASING per session**

**B1 – At Opening or Closing Ceremony, with Presentation = N70,000**

**B2 – At Opening or Closing Ceremony, without Presentation**

= N50,000

**B3 – At any other times = N30,000**

**C -- BILL BOARD DISPLAY (Depends on size & orientation)**

**C1 – In front of the Exhibition Hall (Per Day) = N30,000**

**C2 – Any other place within the complex (Per Day) = N20,000**

**D -- ADVERT IN PROGRAM BROCHURE (Full Page = N60,000 / Half Page = N35,000)**

**( Back Page = N100,000 / Inside Front Page = N80,000)**

**Student / Graduate Projects / Products that meet set guidelines will be given concessionary rates**

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**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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