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IACE EXCO visits the Director General of Standard Organisation of Nigeria in Abuja,

On Wednesday 11th August, 2010, the Executive Committee of IACE led by the Chairman, Engr. Chief G. Massari, FNSE, paid a courtesy visit to the Director General of Standard Organisation of Nigeria (SON) Dr. John Ndanusa Akanya (OON) in his office in Abuja. In the IACE team was Engr. L. I. Iwuenofu (IACE Secretary), and Engr. Battah Ndirpaya (IACE Vice Chairman). Engr. John O. Achukwu (Director, SON) was in the SON team.

During the visit to the office of the DG of SON, the Chairman of IACE, Engr. Chief G. Massari, FNSE, stated that the IACE EXCO came to identify with SON because IACE is part of a professional body that believes in standards. He also stated that Local Content should be applied to standards and there should be synergy among stakeholders and the government.

In response, the DG of SON has this to say:

We find out that we have all the standards sitting with us but people just don't implement the standard. Regulators now give us their jobs to do. They want us to set the standard and go and regulate it again. Then they sit down and ask questions "where are the engineers?" For example, when houses collapse they shout and say "SON where were you when houses are collapsing?" I want to tell you that we don't build houses, we can't. We set standards for materials that go into houses. So we are facing a lot of predicaments. Well it is good to have standards than not to even have a standard at all because we expect that our gen-



Dr. John Ndanusa Akanya (OON)
Director General, SON

eration should be getting more enlightened. Now, we are talking of vision 2020. Ask me questions; are we going to display anything; are we going to display America; are we going to display Japan? How do we want to match and jump to vision 2020 without standards and implementations? When I see us sitting like this (IACE & SON), I'm very happy. Whatever standards we impact, we are going to partner together. We don't sit here and write standards; we work with stakeholders that implement the standards; you are the stakeholders. What we want done is for you to bring the proposals, sit with us and get the standards, and if it is approved, it becomes your work to enforce it. This is what we do, so we are happy. We have technical committee, we have workgroups, and you (IACE) can also be part of our technical committee to regulate and make sure that the standards work. The load we are carrying in SON is too much for us because any little thing that happens people will shout "SON!" everywhere "SON". We've cried and cried though we have created the awareness on standards.



Director General of SON, Dr. John Ndanusa Akanya presenting some SON booklets to the IACE Chairman Engr. Chief G. Massari

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The Institute of Appraisers & Cost Engineers held her 2010 Annual National Technical Conference on July 1st 2010 at the Raw Materials Research & Development Council Auditorium, Maitama, Abuja. Lead papers were delivered on Valuation, Cost



Engr. Otis delivering the keynote address

Engineering and Engineering Economy. QuESS Murtala Oladapo, FNIQS, the Chairman-Elect International Cost Engineering Council, was the special Guest of Honour at the Conference. The Keynote Address by Engr. Otis Anyaeji, FNSE, covered the major segments of the Institute viz: Engineering Valuation, Cost Engineering and Engineering Economy. Lead papers were presented on Cost Engineering Practice in 21st Century Nigeria by Engr. Dr.

Charles Mbelede, FNSE and Prospects and Challenges of Engineering Valuation Practice in Nigeria by Engr. Battah Y. Ndirpaya, MNSE.

Later in the evening at New Chelsea Hotel, Abuja, the investiture of Engr. Chief Giandomenico Massari, FNSE, as the new



Engr. Chf. Giandomenico Massari
FNSE, ASVal, ASCostE, ASEcon
Chairman



Engr. Otis (left) handing over to Engr. Chf. G. Massari during the dinner.

IACE EXCO visits the Director General of SON

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We don't understand why people can't get it done. Some go to bring fake things from other countries, and people say, "It is SON, go and arrest him". The court should arrest him because we have standards. If you bring in a car that is not tropicalized for our environment, the law should catch you. The standard cannot catch you because Standard is a specification that we use but the law must be strong to make standards work. This is the predicament we are facing. So you heard us say that we can also talk about people whom their houses are collapsing, they will cry and say "Standards", "SON", what can we do? Nothing. If the material standard is not good you can't blame SON. The person who knows that a foundation is made for a five storey building, and he makes it eleven storey building, that means he wants to kill people. The builders should be shot like armed robbers. To follow up your visit, you can now do a formal letter and specify what you have said, and then call for a technical committee, because standard will be a legal tender that you are not just operating with us, you are operating with standards.

Engr. John O. Achukwu (Director, SON): In line with what the DG has said I think it is a very good thing that you have come. Other branches of NSE (Nigerian Society of Engineers) have already approached us, in fact this morning I got a text from the Nigerian Institute of Mechanical Engineers. They want to have a briefing on Air Condition, and we have given them a lot of materials and they want to fix the venue, so we have already started working with some branches of NSE. So they are coming timely and what we keep telling our Nigerian engineers, "there are so much opportunities for us especially in our associations and our societies. The most popular document we use in ISO certification in the whole world now is ACME Code which is American Society of Mechanical Engineers document which was developed by Institute of Mechanical Engineers. It is one of the most widely used documents throughout the world. So we have to challenge ourselves and bring up



this code and practices that are peculiar to our own environment. Just as DG have said, standards are provided based on it. Now that you have come you will tell us the code and practices that are most frequently used in your field and are lacking. Then we partner with you; and especially now things have been made easy. Most of these code and practices are already existing in developed countries. All we need is to get the relevant ones look at them and adapt them to our own environment and when we start to improve the process of standardization, it becomes a national document, then you can take and implement it in your field. We have done the same thing with the builders and the civil engineers in the National code of practice in building. We participated very well and with other institutions. We collaborated with them. You are welcome. Maybe after the official meeting you can come to my office or any other time scheduled for us to discuss the details of what you want. So you are welcome.

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Participants at the conference.

chairman of the institute was celebrated as Engr. Otis Anyaeji, FNSE, handed over the baton of office to him during a dinner which was organized by the institute. Also, during the event, Engr. Chief Mas-sari, FNSE, received two awards; the first being the "2010 Merit Award for Exemplary Service" for his outstanding contributions to the advancement of Engineering Valuation/Cost/Engineering Economy and the growth of the in-



New inductees during the dinner

stitute, while the second award is the "Life Membership" in recognition of his valuable services and moral support to the institute, its formation, principles and purpose. Engr. Otis Anyaeji, FNSE, after handing over to Engr. Mas-sari, received the award of "Fellow of the Institute of Appraisers & Cost Engineers" (the only Fellow of the institute). Other members of the institute received various awards and new members were inducted.

Institute of Appraisers & Cost Engineers' September – October 2010 Training Programme

Course	Date	Course Coordinator	Venue	Fee
CE 101 A 2-day course on Principle of Cost Engineering Practices, Standard & Code of ethics	Sept 13- 15, 2010	Secretariat	Agura Hotel, Abuja	N45,000 per participant
CE 201 A 4-Day Accreditation Course on Cost Engineering Part 1	Sept 16- 18, 2010	Secretariat	Agura Hotel, Abuja	N90,000 per participant
Val 101 A 2-Day Course on Principles of Valuation Practice, Standard & Code of Ethics	Sept 27- 29, 2010	Secretariat	Agura Hotel, Abuja	N45,000 per participant
ME 202 A 4-Day Accreditation Course on Valuation of Machinery & Equipment Part 1	Sept 30- Oct 2, 2010	Secretariat	Agura Hotel, Abuja	N90,000 per participant
CE 202 A 4-Day Accreditation course on Cost Engineering Part 2	Oct 18 – 20, 2010	Secretariat	Agura Hotel, Abuja	N90,000 per participant
ME 202 A 4-Day Accreditation Course on Valuation of Machinery & Equipment Part II	Oct 25 – 30, 2010	Secretariat	Agura Hotel, Abuja	N90,000 per participant

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