

APWEN WANTS WOMEN TO THRIVE IN ENGINEERING BY BREAKING BARRIERS

The Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria (APWEN) has re-emphasized its quest in ensuring that Women thrive in the field of Engineering by breaking barriers, challenging stereotypes and providing the support and resources needed for success through mentorship programs, scholarships, workshops and advocacy.

The President of the Association, Engr. Dr. Adebisi Osim made the remarks on Friday 19th July 2024 at the University Auditorium of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka during the STEM for All program hosted by the Association's South East Zone with the theme "Promoting Inclusivity and Diversity in Engineering for a Sustainable World".

Dr. Osim informed participants that the "STEM for All" program is designed to inspire, educate and empower students and professionals alike, fostering a culture of inclusivity and excellence in Engineering. She affirmed that Engineering is the cornerstone of innovation and development which drives the solutions to some of the most pressing global challenges.

In his remarks while declaring the event open, the Acting Vice Chancellor of UNIZIK, Professor Joseph Ikechabelu stated that science and technology is the driving engines of every economic development. Prof. Ikechabelu who was represented by the Dean, Faculty of Engineering, UNIZIK, Prof. Solomon Nwigbo averred that science, technology, engineering and mathematics play a crucial role in all spheres of human endeavour.

The scholar also stated that STEM has had a significant effect in social dynamics in developed and advanced economics resulting

in the advent of artificial intelligence. He called on the students especially the female gender to embrace Engineering as a discipline for all and take advantage of the opportunity provided by STEM to enhance their knowledge base and skills.

The one-day workshop also featured panel discussions by a set of renowned female Engineers and scholars in the South East zone narrating their experiences in the field, ways which young female students can thrive in Engineering, challenges and prospect for the future.



APWEN President, Engr. Dr. Adebisi Osim, FNSE with members of APWEN South East Zone

The event also featured a science competition on creation of balloon car where Community High School Akwaeze came out tops beating St. Patrick's College Awka and Nnamdi Azikiwe University High School Awka who came second and third respectively in the challenge which featured other school such as rev. Fr. Aaron Ekwueme Memorial Secondary School Amawbia, St. Lawrence Splendid Secondary School Mbaukwu and Blossom Fount College Iyiagu, Awka.

In her vote of thanks, the South East Zonal Coordinator of the Association, Engr. Linda

Nnodi thanked all and sundry who came to witness the occasion and made it worthwhile, she thanked UNIZIK for providing the platform for the successful programme while promising that APWEN will continue to initiate programmes geared towards promotion of the Engineering profession and education at large.

Other highlight of the occasion was presentation of the Water Treatment Project executed by female Engineering undergraduate students led by their group leader and Chairperson APWEN Student leader, UNIZIK Chapter, Chidimma Cynthia

Onyekwelu. There were speeches made by Role Models, awards and certificates presentations.



APWEN President, Engr. Dr. Adebisi Osim, FNSE with the students



APWEN President, Engr. Dr. Adebisi Osim, FNSE with the 1st Position, Community Secondary School Akwa eze



APWEN President, Engr. Dr. Adebisi Osim, FNSE with the 2nd Position, St Patrick College Awka



APWEN President, Engr. Dr. Adebisi Osim, FNSE with the 3rd Position, Nnamdi Azikiwe High School Awka

APWEN ADVOCATES GENDER EQUALITY IN STEM EDUCATION

The Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria (APWEN) has charged parents in Nigeria to encourage their female children to study Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics courses in tertiary institutions, just like their male counterparts.

The President of the Association, Engr. Dr. Adebisi Osim gave the charge in a speech

which she delivered to commemorate 2024 International Women in Engineering Day.

She said that only when this is done can Nigeria promote opportunities and eliminate barriers to career advancement for women engineers around the world.



Inspecting the practical exercise of the students

Dr Osim spoke on the topic, "STEM For All", on virtual Zoom to Kaduna State participants with the theme, "Enhanced by Engineering". She highlighted the significant contributions women engineers have made to society due to STEM education, stressing that women engineers have helped in shaping society.



Group photo with the participants

APWEN PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO THE DG NIMC, ENGR. ABISOYE COKER-ODUSOTE.

The Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria (APWEN) on Thursday 11th July 2024, paid a Courtesy visit to the Director General NIMC, Engr. Abisoye Coker-Odusote in preparation for the upcoming annual conference.

The APWEN President ably represented by the Vice President, Engr. Chinyere Nnenna Igwegbe, FNSE in collaboration with the General secretary, Ex-officio, members and

student members visited the DG in her office in Abuja.



Presentation of plaque to the DG NIMC, Engr. Abisoye Coker-Odusote by the APWEN Vice President, Engr. Chinyere Nnenna Igwegbe, FNSE

The DG warmly welcomed the Delegates and pledged to support APWEN by registering and sponsoring all the female engineers in NIMC for the 2024 conference.

She also pledged to always collaborate and partner with APWEN.



APWEN Delegates in group photo with the DG NIMC, Engr. Abisoye Coker-Odusote

APWEN PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO THE DIRECTOR CALABAR FREE TRADE ZONE & TECHNICAL VISIT TO THE MANAGER NORTHWEST DEPORT.

The Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria (APWEN) paid a Courtesy visit the Director Calabar Free Trade Zone, and a Technical Visit to the Manager Northwest Deport.

The APWEN Delegates were received by Engr. Ikechukwu during the visit.



Group photo with the Director Calabar Free Trade Zone



APWEN Delegates during the visit

APWEN ATTENDS THE BURIAL CEREMONY OF LATE ENGR. GRACE CHIJJIMMA EZEMA, FNSE

The Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria (APWEN) led by the President, Engr. Dr. Adebisi Osim, FNSE attended the burial ceremony of late Engr. Mrs. Grace Chijimma Ezema, FNSE, the first Female Engineer in Nigeria.

The ceremony took place from Tuesday 9th July to Sunday 14th July 2024 Nsukka, Enugu State.



APWEN Delegates at the wake keep of late Engr. Grace Ezema.



APWEN Members at the thanksgiving Mass of late Engr. Grace Ezema.



Group photo with the family of late Engr. Grace Ezema

APWEN PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO THE TECHNICAL MANAGER, NLNG, ENGR. EKEINDE OHIWEREI, FNSE.

The Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria (APWEN), led by the President, Engr. Dr. Adebisi Osim, FNSE, paid a Courtesy visit to the Technical Manager, Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG), Engr. Ekeinde Ohiwerei, FNSE.



Presentation of award to the NLNG Technical Manager, Engr. Ekeinde Ohiwerei, FNSE

TECHNICAL VISIT TO THE NLNG

The Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria (APWEN), led by the President, Engr. Dr. Adebisi Osim, FNSE,

embarked on a technical visit to the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG).



Group photo with the NLNG staff



APWEN Delegates in group photo



APWEN President, Engr. Dr. Adebisi Osim, FNSE during the Technical presentation at NLNG

APWEN MOVE TO BOOST FOOD PRODUCTION IN CROSS RIVER

The Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria (APWEN), has moved to boost food production in Cross River by providing inputs for women farming cluster in the state.

The President of APWEN, Engr. Dr. Adebisi Osim, FNSE said as an association they looked at the situations in the nation and decided that the best thing to do was to help ensure food security.

Engr. Osim said they targeted a woman farming cluster who were the ones that worked on the farms to provide food and supported them with inputs.



APWEN Delegates in Group photo with farmers

On his part, Mr. Bassey Emogor, Program Manager, Cross River Agriculture Development Programme (ADP) commended APWEN for the gesture while noting that agriculture used to be Nigeria's mainstay until oil was discovered.

Emogor said oil made Nigerians lazy to the point that the nation could no longer feed itself and had to rely on importation and palliatives to survive.

While encouraging the farmers to be strong and dedicated, he said he would help them in ensuring they got necessary inputs and technical support to make them successful farmers.

Similarly, Mrs. Justina Ulafor, Alternate Chairman of the Committee on Food Security and Irrigation Development in APWEN said they went into the programme to change the lives of farmers from subsistence to business.

Ulafor said what they were doing was the first phase and would ensure that the project was expanded in the second phase and start looking towards helping the women to attract grants from partners.

Mrs. Monica Odi, Coordinator of the Passionate Women Farmers who were the recipients of the inputs expressed gratitude to APWEN, adding that, they had not received such help before.

Odi said they had about 50 hectares of farmland but have only been able to cultivate two hectares because farming was capital intensive and expansion required more money and machinery.

She however added that another major challenge they had as a group was transportation to the farm which was far away from town in Akpabuyo Local Government Area and solicited for a bus to help convey the women to and from the farm.

APWEN PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO THE COMMISSIONER OF WORKS, CROSS RIVER, HON. ANKPO PIUS EDET.

The Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria (APWEN), led by the President, Engr. Dr. Adebisi Osim, FNSE, paid a Courtesy visit to the Commissioner of Works, Cross River, Hon. Ankpo Pius Edet.



APWEN President, Engr. Dr. Adebisi Osim, FNSE presenting Award plaque the Commissioner of Works Cross River, Hon. Ankpo Pius Edet



APWEN Delegates with the MD Cross River Development Basin, Engr. Bassey Edet Nkposong, FNSE, FNICE, FNIWE

APWEN PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO THE MD, CROSS RIVER DEVELOPMENT BASIN, ENGR. BASSEY EDET NKPOSONG, FNSE, FNICE, FNIWE.

The Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria (APWEN), led by the President, Engr. Dr. Adebisi Osim, FNSE, paid a Courtesy visit to the Managing Director, Cross River Development Basin, Engr. Bassey Edet Nkposong, FNSE, FNICE, FNIWE.



APWEN Delegates with MD Cross River Development Basin, Engr. Bassey Edet Nkposong, FNSE, FNICE, FNIWE



APWEN President, Engr. Dr. Adebisi Osim, FNSE presenting Award plaque to the MD Cross River Development Basin, Engr. Bassey Edet Nkposong, FNSE, FNICE, FNIWE



Cross section of APWEN delegates with the MD Cross River Development Basin, Engr. Bassey Edet Nkposong, FNSE, FNICE, FNIWE

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BURIAL CEREMONY OF LATE ENGR. GRACE CHIJIMMA EZEMA IN PICTURES



APWEN PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF BONNY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, DAME HON. ANENGI BARASUA CLAUDE-WILCOX, DSSRS, JP

The Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria (APWEN), led by the President, Engr. Dr. Adebisi Osim, FNSE, paid a Courtesy visit to the Chairman of Bonny Local Government Area, Dame Hon. Anengi Barasua Claude-Wilcox, DSSRS, JP. And His Excellency Se-Alabo Ambassador Dagogo Suala Claude-Wilcox, Chairman, Bonny Chiefs Council.



SOCIAL DIARY BIRTHDAYS

The Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria (APWEN) heartily congratulates and rejoices with the following distinguished Members on their birthdays.



Engr. Olaolu Adedapo-Aisida, FNSE



Engr. Justina John Ulafor, MNSE



Engr. Odigie Esosa Christabel, MNSE

APPOINTMENTS

The Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria (APWEN) heartily congratulates and rejoices with Engr. Vera Ntofon, FNSE and Engr. Folashade Adebayo, FNSE on their appointment as members of COREN Council.



Engr. Vera Ntofon, FNSE



Engr. Folashade Adebayo, FNSE



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