

A COMMUNIQUÉ ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 32RD CONFERENCE OF TECHNOLOGISTS IN ENGINEERING AND AGM TAGGED “HARMONY 2015” HELD AT KWARA STATE BANQUET HALL ILORIN FROM 11TH -13TH NOV. 2015.

THEME: TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA.

PREAMBLE

The 32nd CONFOTECH and AGM organised by the Nigerian Association of Technologists in Engineering held at the Kwara State Banquet hall between 11th and 13th November 2015 had the Senate President Dr. Bukola Saraki as the special Guest of Honour while the State Governor, Abdulfatai Ahmed as the Chief host. The Emir of Ilorin who was represented by.....

The opening ceremony was chaired by the special Assistant on legislative matters to the senate president.

The lead paper titled “Technology and infrastructural Development in Nigeria-learning from the ways of termites as a way forward” was presented by Prof. Y. A Jimoh F.N.S.E

The sub theme papers presented were:

- Technologists as change agents in overcoming challenges of Technological development in Nigerian industry”. By Assoc. Prof. M. I. Oseni.
- Technology drive to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMES) growth in Nigeria” by Dr. Hakeem Adeniyi Ajonbadi.
- Enhancing Technological innovations and entrepreneurships. By Dr. Oladele Kolawole.
- Globalisation issues in industrial Technology Transfer by Engr. Prof. Abdulganiyu F. Alabi.

OBSERVATION / RECOMMENDATION

At the end of the 32nd Confotech, the following observations/recommendations were made:

1. That the issue of dichotomy /Discrimination and stagnation of HND holders contribute in no small measure to the poor infrastructural development in Nigeria.
2. That all the pyramid structure expected in the engineering family was not stable as the Engineers are more in Coren than other members in the Engineering family. This has led to the unstable nature of the pyramid and is not good for sustainable infrastructural development.
3. That the issue of continuous training on the job should be sustained by the Government and all professional associations.
4. That the Gross Domestic Product of Nigeria could be improved upon by diversifying our economy from oil reliance to Agro based economy.
5. That Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into Nigeria could be possible if the incoming investor meets a similar attitude and condition to their country of origin on ground in terms of trainable personnel.
6. That wherever the deficient is in the curriculum of dichotomy there should be a makeup added for them to bring out their best of technology initiative.

7. That the right environment should be provided by the government for innovations to be carried out.
8. That government must be consistent in the policy formulation and implementation as well as provide fund for Research and Development in our institutions.
9. Training and retrainers programme for skill acquisition and expertisesness should be encourage by government in all institution and establishment.
10. Government should encourage indigenous technology to thrive over time.
11. That government should strengthen the vocational educational curriculum in our tertiary institutions.
12. Government should establish more Advance skill training institute across the nation.
13. Government should fund infrastructural development and small medium enterprises all over the nation.
14. That all Nigerians should embrace the change initiative seriously.
15. Government must be sincere in the implementation of policy that torches on technological innovation.
16. That Technological transfer is what the nation can use to its advantage as other countries of the world did that enhance technological breakthrough.
17. That Iron and steel industry is very important in achieving is desire goal of attaining the vision 202020 and that technologists are very important in achieving this vision.
18. That the disparity in the remuneration of the Foreign Engineering personnel and that of its Nigerian counterpart be discouraged especially in the multinational engineering companies.
19. That local content policy of the Government should be implemented to the letter.
20. Dichotomy, Discrimination and stagnation for years as stifled technology development propagation and transfer in Nigeria. Government should as a matter of urgency remove all vestige of discrimination in Technology and engineering practice so that our country can move forward.
21. Coren should as a matter of urgency address the engineering family pyramid structure to enhance better performance and carrier progression for co-existence in the family.

CONCLUSION

NATE is optimistic that technology advancement will foster infrastructural development in Nigeria if corruption is tackled in all ramifications which will aid growth of the nation economy and place the nation among the world powers.

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