

The Association for Consulting Engineering in Nigeria, ACEN

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The year 2023, though quite challenging for ACEN striving to thrive under very harsh economic conditions, was still a productive year. Activities of the year were hybrid, physical and online.

1. ACEN Magazine

The ACEN magazine, *'The Consulting Engineer'*, is a tri-annual professional magazine that disseminates information about consulting engineering and its contribution to the infrastructural, technological and economic development of Nigeria while recognizing and celebrating the consulting engineering expertise of ACEN member firms and their contributions to the Nigerian society. The magazine covers news, events, noteworthy projects and opinions in the various engineering disciplines.

Since the publication of the first edition, the magazine has reported on a variety of engineering issues, ranging from civil, mechanical, industrial, chemical and electrical systems, to water infrastructure as well as examined environmental issues. *'The Consulting Engineer'* has a circulation of One Thousand (1,000) hard copies and is free to all recipients. A soft copy of the magazine is available for reading only on the ACEN website, www.acen.org.ng.

ACEN is happy to share soft copies of the latest editions, Vol. 9, No. 3, the 3rd edition of the year 2022 and Vol. 10, No. 1, the 1st edition of this year, with fellow FIDIC Africa Member Associations for their reading pleasure. We welcome comments and or contributions.

Thank you.

2. Calendar of Planned Events for 2024 (still in the works)

S/NO	EVENT	DATE
1.	Investiture of the 20 th ACEN President	February 2024
2.	1 st Business Evening	March 2024
3.	2 nd Business Evening	June 2024
4.	EGM/Luncheon/New Members Day	July 2024
5.	FIDIC Workshop (LAGOS)	July 2024
6.	3 rd Business Evening	August 2024
7.	4 th Business Evening	October 2024
8.	Annual Conference/AGM	November 2024

3. ACEN Council Members (January 2024 – December 2025)

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1. President – Engr. Kam-Selem A. Bukar, FNSE, FNICE
2. Vice President – Engr. Kunle Adebajo, FNIStructE
3. Honorary Treasurer – Engr. Bolarinwa James Olowe, FNSE
4. Immediate Past President – Engr. F. Ajibade Oke, FNSE
5. Managing Director – Vacant

PAST PRESIDENTS

6. Engr. Dr. J. I. Folayan, FNSE
7. HRH. Engr. M. O. Adesina, FNSE
8. Engr. Y. O. Sagaya, FNSE, FAEng
9. Engr. Sir. E. J. Amana, FNSE, FAEng
10. Engr. Mrs. Mayen Adetiba, FNSE, FAEng
11. Engr. K. A. Adeola, FNSE, FAEng
12. Engr. I. S. Ogunbayo, FNSE, FAEng
13. Engr. N. Rafindadi, FNSE, FAEng
14. Engr. Suleiman H. Adamu, FNSE, FAEng
15. Engr. Charles 'Yele Akindayomi, FNSE
16. Engr. George C. Okoroma, FNSE, JP

OTHER MEMBERS

17. Engr. Adeniyi Ogunnusi, FNSE
18. Engr. Lawal Salisu, FNSE
19. Engr. Gbenga Ajayi, FNSE
20. Engr. M. B. Shettimah, MNSE
21. Engr. I. O. Diyoke, FNSE
22. Engr. Dr. Edward N. Moore, FNSE
23. Engr. Wale Lagunju, FNSE
24. Engr. Elias Olawale Agbabiaka, FIStructE
25. Engr. Emeka Achebe, FNSE
26. Engr. Kamil Olalekan, FNSE
27. Engr. Yemi Oyinloye – AFL President



4. 1st ACEN Business Evening of 16th March 2023

The ACEN Business Evening is an event in a relaxed atmosphere where members come together to exchange ideas. The topic for discussion for this edition of the event was **'The Opportunities for Engineers in Ibadan Masterplan'** and the Guest Speaker was Permanent Secretary (General Administration), Oyo State Governor's Office, Tpl. Dayo Ayorinde.

It was hosted by ACEN member firms in its 7th Zonal distribution, led by the Zonal Coordinator, Engr. Bola Olowe, FNSE in Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria. The event was well attended with 119 (One Hundred and Nineteen) engineers in attendance, both physical and online.

5. FIDIC Africa 2023

Fourteen (14) representatives of ACEN member firms attended the 29th FIDIC Africa Infrastructure Conference in Livingstone, Zambia.

6. The ACEN 2023 Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM)

The 2023 ACEN Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) took place on the 6th of July 2023 at Golden Tulip Hotels, Quarter 781, GRA Jericho, Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria. The theme of the event was **'The Trend in Consulting Engineering Practice in Nigeria'**.

The following two (2) papers were presented by distinguished engineers:

- 'Opportunities for Maximising Engineering Consultancy Practice in Nigeria' by Engr. Kunle Ogunbayo FAEng, FNSE, a Past President of ACEN and the Chairman, KOA Consultants Ltd.
- 'Panacea to Challenges of Under-utilisation of Nigerian Professional Engineers in the Nation's Infrastructure Development' by Engr. R. A. Olushola Sanni, Principal Partner, Sanni, Ojo & Partners Consulting Ltd.

The event attracted bigwigs in the engineering profession including some past presidents of Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria {COREN}, Nigerian Society of Engineers {NSE}, ACEN and a host of other stakeholders.

7. 2nd ACEN Business Evening of 15th June 2023

The topic for discussion for this edition of the event was **'Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Guideline'**. The Guest Speaker was Engr. Ibrahim A. Maimaje, FNSE, Principal Partner, Global Ecological Consultants Nig. Ltd, a distinguished engineer.

It was hosted by ACEN member firms in its 2nd Zonal distribution, led by the Zonal Coordinator, Engr. Dr Lawal Salisu, FNSE in Katsina, Katsina State, Nigeria. The event was well attended with 122 (One Hundred and Twenty-Two) engineers in attendance, both physical and online.



8. FIDIC Conditions of Contract Training on ‘The Practical Use of the FIDIC 2017 Red, Yellow and Silver Books with Highlights of their 1999 First Editions

The ACEN School of Consulting Engineering (ASCE) organized a FIDIC Conditions of Contract training which took place 17th – 20th July 2023 in Lagos. The training had 39 (Thirty-Nine) participants and the FIDIC Trainer was the internationally trained and certified arbitrator, adjudicator (Dispute Board Member) and mediator, Engr. Husni Madi, BEng, PgDip Law, FCI Arb, FAMINZ (Arb/Med), FCA, FCT, PMP, PMI-SP.

Feedback from participants confirmed that the training was well organized and thoroughly worthwhile. Participants were from both federal and state MDAs as well as private organisations; engineers, lawyers, an architect and a quantity surveyor.

9. 3rd ACEN Business Evening of 22nd August 2023

The topic for discussion for this edition of the event was ‘**Becoming a World-Class Consultant? Essential Soft Skills to Pack in your Bag**’. The Guest speaker was Engr. Kunle Adebajo, FNIStruct; CEO, Ove Arup & Partners Nigeria Ltd.

It was hosted by ACEN member firms in its 1st Zonal distribution, led by the Zonal Coordinator, Engr. Adeniyi Ogunnusi, FNSE in Lagos, Lagos State, Nigeria. The event was well attended with 161 (One Hundred and Sixty-One) engineers in attendance, both physical and online.

10. ACEN Annual Conference, Dinner & AGM 2023

The 45th Annual Conference, Dinner & AGM was a physical and online event that took place in Abuja 1st and 2nd November 2023. It was themed ‘**Advancing Consulting Engineering Practice in Nigeria and Collaborating with Government for African Free Trade Benefits**’.

The successful event had over 150 (One Hundred and Fifty) online and physical participants and was graced by dignitaries such as:

- The Honourable Minister for the Federal Capital Territory, His Excellency, Nyesom Wike CON, G.S.S.R.S, PoS (AFRICA) who was ably represented by the Executive Secretary, Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA), Engr. Shehu Hadi Ahmad (FNSE, FNIQB);
- Honourable Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Arc. Ahmed Musa Dangiwa who was ably represented by Engr. Chukwudi Nwufu (Director – Civil, Engineering Services Department of the Ministry)
- Honourable Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Chief Uche Godfrey Nnaji, who was ably represented by Engr. Chukwudi Nwufu (Director – Civil, Engineering Services Department of the Ministry)
- Chairman, Senate Committee on Works, Engr. Sen. Patrick Chinwuba Ndubueze, FNICE
- The President, Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), Engr. Prof. Sadiq Z. Abubakar, FNSE, FAEng, ably represented by the COREN Registrar, Engr. Prof. Adisa A. Bello.
- The Chairman, Council of Registered Builders of Nigeria (CORBON), Engr. Samson Opaluwah, FNSE; amongst others.