

PROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION/RELATIONSHIP KEY TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PRESENTED BY APBN PRESIDENT, DR OMEDE IDRIS, fnma, fnipr, AT 56TH NIQS CONFERENCE AT ABUJA ON 15TH NOVEMBER, 2017

Professional bodies are Associations, Institutes, Institutions, and Societies with clearly defined Ethics and Code of Practice, which combine regulatory functions or have separate regulatory bodies. They are primarily and fundamentally recognized by act of Parliament/Assembly. In some instances they are also registered by Corporate Affairs Commission.

Professionalism is and remains a key element for development in every facet. The different Professions are intrinsically interlinked and should operate synergistically and mutually to bring about the desired development under a conducive environment. It is quite obvious in our clime that working alone as individual professional bodies of different background and expertise or specialty, over time to date, has not given our nation that desirable rapid and sustainable development. This clearly underscores the importance and significance of the formation of Association of Professional Bodies of Nigeria (APBN). APBN was incorporated in 1992, but the processes of her formation dates back much earlier. APBN is therefore younger than all the individual member bodies. APBN is for us to grow and develop it.

Professional collaboration the world over is fundamental for political, social, economic, infrastructural and human resource development.

Association of Professional Bodies of Nigeria (APBN) is poised or situated to create and enhance value, add value, and a critical flagship of professionals, serving as a fulcrum or bridge for objective consultation and dialogue with government and the organized private sector, with the Nation's indigenous professionals, contributing significantly to nation building, with Integrity and Excellence as our watch words.

The growing number of Nigerian professionals should work together with a patriotic zeal and will to contribute to national development. Professional bodies united under a common front such as the APBN will ginger and stimulate such role and responsibilities. For instance, NIQS cannot stand alone with submission or input from professional with the built/construction/Engineering sector. The

sum effect of intra and inter-professional collaboration, the latter through APBN is that similarities and differences between the professions as a result of missing gaps, conflict of Act or law, except such is gross will be reasonably resolved, and used as a source of strength rather than aggravate disharmony while awaiting future consideration. This interplay will enhance rapid and continual expression of professionalism. Indigenous and home based Nigerian professionals, who are on the right path with profession's ethics, rules, guidelines and regulations, will be celebrated, recognized, applauded and encouraged, while those that need corrections or reprimand are addressed to.

The Government and people of Nigeria, the organized Private sector, should demonstrated penchant for professionalism, and have a recourse and focus to the professionals and professional bodies as major stake of engagement for national development. Positive change lies in using professional explicitly in the dictum of "Square peg in Square hole" to deliver their expertise in training, service delivery and infrastructure.

Government and the organized Private sector, must take and show active interest in our professionals to get the nation out of the woods in many sectors and areas. APBN provides that platform through the individual member body of profession rather than through individual professionals, to actualize this.