

PROFILE OF QS ADERONKE OYELAMI, FNIQS, FRICS, CCArb, FICIArb.

VYING FOR THE POST OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT

EARLY LIFE

Aderonke Oyelami (nee Opanuga) was born several years ago in London, United Kingdom and was brought to Nigeria to study at a young age by her parents. Aderonke studied Quantity Surveying at Yaba College of Technology (YCT), Yaba, Lagos. She is one of five females in her set and happens to be the only one still engaged in active practice of the profession.



She is a Partner with Consol Associates, an International Construction Consultancy firm, and is the Partner-in-charge of the Engineering Unit of the firm, having specialised in Engineering Cost Management & Procurement.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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| Member, Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (MNIQS) | 1992 |
| Registered Member, Quantity Surveyors Registration Board of Nigeria (RQS) | 1993 |
| Member, Institute of Construction Industry Arbitrators (MICIArb) | 1996 |
| Member, Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers, UK (CIBSE) | 2012 |
| Fellow, Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (FNIQS) | 2013 |
| Member, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (MRICS) | 2015 |
| RICS ACRE Accredited Mediator | 2017 |
| Fellow, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (FRICS) | 2018 |
| Certified Construction Arbitrator, QS Academy | 2019 |
| Fellow, Institute of Construction Industry Arbitrators | 2021 |
| Professional Member, Green Building Council of Nigeria | 2022 |

POSITIONS HELD

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| Member, Students' Representative Council, YCT, Lagos | 1981 – 1982 |
| 2 nd Vice President, Students' Union, YCT, Lagos | 1983 – 1984 |
| NIQS Lagos Chapter, Ex-Officio member | 2008 – 2010 |
| Secretary, NIQS Lagos Chapter International Seminar/Workshop Committee and organised the International Seminars held during the period | 2008 - 2012 |
| Publicity Secretary, Women Association of Quantity Surveyors in Nigeria (WAQSN) | 2008 - 2013 |
| NIQS Lagos Chapter, Financial Secretary | 2010 – 2012 |
| NIQS Lagos representative in Building Collapse Prevention Guild (BCPG) | 2011 – 2014 |
| NIQS Examinations & Certification Board, Member | 2013 – 2015 2015 - 2017 |
| NIQS PCI Lagos Centre Coordinator & PCI Panelist | 2013 – 2015 2015 - 2017 |
| NIQS Education & Training Committee, Member | 2013 – 2015 |
| NIQS Logbook Assessment Committee, Member | 2013 – 2015 2015 - 2017 |
| Deputy Chairperson, WAQSN | 2015 - 2017 |
| NIQS Examinations Syllabi Review Committee, Member | 2017 |
| Chairperson, Women Association of Quantity Surveyors in Nigeria (WAQSN) | 2017 – 2019 |
| Member, WAQSN Executive Committee | 2008 – 2013, 2015 - 2021 |
| Member, National Executive Council NIQS | 2017 - 2019 2019 - 2021 2021 - 2023 |
| Chairman, Steering Committee, NIQS Building Services Cost Management Division | 2018 – 2019 |
| NIQS Anniversary Award Committee, Member | 2018 – 2019 |

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| NIQS 50 th Anniversary Committee, Member | 2018 – 2019 |
| NIQS Exam Script Marking Committee | 2018 - 2019 |
| NIQS Biennial General Meeting Committee, Member | 2019, 2021, 2023 |
| Secretary, Marketing & Corporate Affairs, NIQS | 2019 – 2021 2021 - 2023 |
| Chairman, Marketing & Corporate Affairs Committee, NIQS | 2019 - 2021 2021 - 2023 |
| Editor-in-Chief / Chairman Editorial Board, QS Connect | 2019 - 2021 2021 - 2023 |
| Member, Constitution Review Committee, African Association of Quantity Surveyors (AAQS) | 2022 to date |

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

Volunteer Tutor the Chapter's Tutorial Course (now Mandatory Refresher Course) (2006-2017) 'pro bono' and donating all honorarium thereof to the development of the Chapter.

Resource Person for several seminars / workshops on Engineering Services, Gender related issues, Building Collapse and Professional Ethics organised by NIQS Lagos, NIQS National, other NIQS state chapters, WAQSN, AQSPS, and other professional bodies /institutions including NIOB, APWBN and APWEN.

Building Collapse Prevention Guild (BCPG) Lagos State Chapter Financial Secretary (2012-2014).

RICS trained Assessor for the Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) Interview (2017 to date).

Member, Board of Trustees, The Association of Nigerian Professional Women in the Built Environment, WIBEN (2018 to date).

Chairman, Steering Committee, The Association of Nigerian Professional Women in the Built Environment, WIBEN (2018 to date).

Member, Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, National Council for Women Societies, NCWS Nigeria (2020 - 2023).

AWARDS

Recipient, NIQS President's Award for Recognition of Service to the Quantity Surveying profession (2019).

CONTRIBUTIONS

Consol's Nigerian Mechanical & Electrical Services Pricebook for Builders, Engineers & Developers (2015)

Establishment of prize for the 'Best Female Performance in the NIQS Test of Professional Competence (TPC) Examinations' (2017).

Sponsorship of the prize for the 'Best Female Performance in the NIQS Test of Professional Competence Examinations' (2020 to date).

Establishment of the WAQSN Herald Newsletter publication (2018).

Facilitated the establishment of endowed prizes for the best female students in select tertiary institutions (2019).

Production of marketing videos to enhance the marketability of the Quantity Surveyor (2021, 2023).

Updating existing and production of new marketing pamphlets to enhance the marketability of the Quantity Surveyor (2022, 2023).

Improved upon the inclusive nature of the Institute through the content of publications and social media handles (2019 - 2023).

Electronic corporate identity card for members (2023).

MANIFESTO OF QS ADERONKE OYELAMI, FNIQS, FRICS, CCArb, FICIArb.

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Dear Colleagues, I am Aderonke Oyelami (nee Opanuga). I am a Fellow of the NIQS, RICS and ICIArb., a past Chairperson of WAQSN and the outgoing Secretary, Marketing & Corporate Affairs of the Institute.

I come once again to seek your mandate, this time, for the office of the DEPUTY PRESIDENT. The need for a consistent, committed, constructive, competent, collaborative, capacity-driven professional to drive the membership agenda of the Institute is very pertinent. The Deputy President is constitutionally charged to oversee the membership growth of the Institute and ensure the sustenance of membership. If given your mandate I propose the following:

Ensure the growth of membership is sustained and maintained in sync with the corporate vision of the Institute at par with global trends and best practices adopting inclusivity as a norm.

- ❖ Encourage an increased student participation in the Institute affairs. Preparation of students for the employment world by initiating mentorship programmes beyond the Industrial Training programme. Build the youth, secure the future.
- ❖ Initiate the drive for Quantity Surveying graduates undergoing the NYSC scheme to be posted to professionally relevant PPAs.
- ❖ Encourage short term skills acquisition to enhance employability.
- ❖ Encourage and support a structure for constructive pupilage whereby every graduate will have an opportunity to understudy from practitioners.
- ❖ Encourage more employers to develop an Employee Assistance programme to enhance welfare and job security for employees.
- ❖ Encourage more employers to create a more conducive and secure work environment for female members through the development of remote/part-time working options for female members of childbearing age after childbirth.

- ❖ Encourage more employers to improve capacity of staff through mandatory in-house training and sponsorship to external courses, workshops, training.
- ❖ Encourage and sustain representation to relevant authorities, particularly the public service MDAs, to ensure that practitioners irrespective of where they are engaged enjoy conducive working environment through the development of befitting standard conditions of service commensurate with peers in the allied professions.
- ❖ Encourage and sustain representation to relevant authorities, particularly the public service MDAs, to encourage the creation of Quantity Surveying departments in all MDAs and the appointment of more members into relevant departments and positions at all levels of governance.
- ❖ Encourage and sustain representation to seek government (executive & legislative) audience on issues that affect the Institute and Industry.
- ❖ Encourage the sustenance of existing programmes to sustain the interest of members, e.g. Job Fair, Free Webinars, etc.
- ❖ Encourage capacity building, career development and lifelong learning of members through library development.
- ❖ Uphold the existing drive for core capacity upskilling and corporate competence of the members against quackery, and encourage financial probity, fiscal prudence in day-to-day activities.
- ❖ Extend membership growth and participation through the less adopted non-corporate grades of membership.
- ❖ Maintain existing and establish further opportunities for mutually beneficial collaborative alliances with other allied professionals in the built environment on building control, building collapse, and other matters of national development and mutual interest.

On the issue of inclusivity and diversity, to date, only one female has had the privilege to steer the affairs of the Institute in the almost 60 years of existence. Giving another female a chance to lead would not be out of place. Exactly ten years ago we had the first female become the Deputy President of the NIQS, and she performed excellently. The time is now apt for another agile and proactive one, if you will give me the mandate!

Give the women another chance!

Ku ba mata wata dama su yi shugabanci yanda ya kamata a yi ta!

Nyee umunwanyi oghere ozo ka ha chia! Obinrin leekan si!

Thank you for your support and your vote! Long live NIQS!!

Long live the Federal Republic of Nigeria!!!