

PROFILE FOR BOLAJI SOTUNDE

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Mr. Bolaji Sotunde is a consummate and dedicated Quantity Surveyor, Cost Management Consultant and Project Management Professional with over 15 years' experience within the Construction and Real Estate Industries. He is a decisive, action-oriented and results focused individual with strong leadership, technical and analytical skills and a clear understanding of processes and the application of same, to manage and achieve expectations on project mandates through timely and systematic method of delivery, strict adherence to quality, while judiciously expending budgets within stipulated time durations.

He commenced his professional career in 2005 with Royal Robe and Associates, a Quantity Surveying firm, as a Trainee Quantity Surveyor where he acquired primary skills of the profession having assisted with the preparation of tender documents and contract administration processes.

In 2009, he joined Consol Associates, a Quantity Surveying firm as a Project Quantity Surveyor where he further developed his skill as a professional until August 2011 when he joined **Savant Integrated Concepts Limited (SAVANT)**, the pioneer, fully indigenous Project Management company focused on providing superior services to clients in the Construction and Real Estate industries, and currently serves as the **Chief Operating Officer** of the Company in an independent capacity.

As a Cost Consultant and Project Manager he has been involved in a number of high-end projects both outside and within Lagos State. In 2016, he led a team of construction experts to the World Architectural Festival Awards which held in Berlin, Germany for the presentation of an artistic high-rise modern day office project to be developed in Lagos, Nigeria (currently ongoing) and the team emerged second amongst the participants at the festival.

Mr. Sotunde is a certified Quantity Surveyor and a Prince2 Project Management Practitioner (**Prince2**). He is an Associate Member of the Certified Institute of Cost Management of Nigeria, and an Associate Member of the Commonwealth Association of Surveying & Land Economics (**CASLE**), and a Member of the Institute of Construction Industry Arbitrators.



He is a Member of the **Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS)** and is passionate about bringing identity, relevance and visibility to the profession. He has dedicated himself to serve in various capacities as an executive of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Lagos State Chapter and at the National level. He is currently, the **Secretary, International Affairs of the NIQS** and in the discharge of his duties recently co-ordinated the execution of the Mutual Recognition Agreement between the NIQS and the **Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS), the New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NZIQS), and a certificate of collaboration with the Royal Institute of Malaysia, Quantity Surveying Division**. Furthermore, he was recently appointed as the **Vice-Chair of International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Commission 10** working group on Project and Commercial Management.

Mr. Sotunde is a Training Consultant, Facilitator, Lead Strategist and Public Speaker who is passionate about leadership and the development of young professionals. Further to this, in 2018, he was part of the delegation from the **Nigerian Employer's Collaborative Association (NECA)**, to the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to discuss matters of job creation and opportunities for youth development and capacity building. Due to his contributions to the leadership cause, he was honoured as Fellow of the Institute of Leadership Management (UK). In 2019, he was recognised for his contributions as the PMO Leader of **SAVANT** which brilliantly represented Nigeria at the 2019 PMO Global Awards.

As part of his contributions towards the development of the young professionals, he has been a voluntary resource person for Project Management at the Mandatory Refresher Course Programme of the **NIQS** since 2016, and has delivered a number of technical papers in several notable workshops for the **NIQS** across the country including Akure, Ondo State, Lagos and Port-Harcourt, Rivers State. He has been the Lead Facilitator at all National Programmes of the Institute since 2018. He is also currently **the Governor of The New Managers Community Group of The Covenant Christian Centre**, a group which provides corporate professionals who are transitioning from being team members to leaders, with the much-needed skills and knowledge required to prepare for positional leadership, capacity development and team building and which has trained over 1,000 members to date.

Mr. Sotunde is the Principal of **E320 Associates**, a firm which provides Quantity Surveying and Cost Management Services. He is also the Chairman of the **BusyBee Group**, an Event Planning, Training and Management company, which continuously provides event planning and management trainings to members of the profession and has actively trained over 2000 event planners.

He is married with children.

MANIFESTO

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FOR

THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
OF THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF QUANTITY SURVEYORS
(NIQS)

AT THE NOVEMBER 25th 2023, NATIONAL ELECTION OF THE
INSTITUTE.



Dear distinguished members of our great institution,

I, **Bolaji Oluwadamilola SOTUNDE**, hereby use this medium to thank you all for the confidence reposed in me at the last election to serve as the **Secretary International Affairs** of our dear institute, and again humbly present myself as a candidate for the same office. I come to you once more with a deep understanding of the value of your mandate and my immense respect for you and the profession, to proffer my availability and willingness to continue to serve you all and our great institution in this same capacity.

In my current term as the **Secretary, International Affairs (SIA)** of the **Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS)**, in addition to faithfully performing the duties assigned to that office by the **NIQS Constitution** and complying with the requirements thereof, I have been privileged to serve alongside **the President** and other members of the **National Executive Council** and provided the necessary support and collaboration towards the attainment of the institution's aims and objectives for International Relations.

In keeping with the mandate of creating relevance, promoting the **NIQS** brand globally, collaborating with other international bodies and ensuring that best practices are applied and international standards are complied with, we have ensured the fulfillment of the key elements of my previous manifesto such as the following:

1. Fostered the continued participation of our **NIQS** members in the various congresses and fora held by other international member bodies and professional affiliates as highlighted below:
 - ✓ The 2022 International Cost Engineering Council (**ICEC**) World Congress that took place in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
 - ✓ The 2022 Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (**PAQS**) Congress which took place at Singapore.

- ✓ The Executive Council Meeting and International Conference of The Africa Association of Quantity Surveyors (**AAQS**) some of which took place in Rwanda, Malawi, Mauritius and Kenya.
 - ✓ The 2023 World Congress of the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (**CIQS**) which took place at the Hyatt Regency Calgary, Canada.
 - ✓ The International Federation of Surveyors (**FIG**) Working Week 2023 in Orlando, Florida, USA.
 - ✓ The 2023 Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (**PAQS**) Congress which took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
2. The attendance of our members at the aforementioned programmes also provided them with the opportunity to improve their knowledge on current trends in the profession, build their capacity as well as served as a contribution to their continual professional development exercise.
 3. Facilitated and coordinated the signing of Mutual Recognition Agreements (**MRA**) on behalf of the **NIQS** and the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (**AIQS**), and the New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors (**NZIQS**) as well as the execution of a certificate of collaboration between **NIQS** and the Royal Institute of Malaysia, Quantity Surveying Division.
 4. Initiated bilateral discussions for an agreement to explore mutual beneficial opportunities with the following institutions:
 - ✓ Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (**SISV**).
 - ✓ Philippine Institute of Certified Quantity Surveyors (**PIQS**).
 - ✓ The Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (**ASAQS**).
 - ✓ Ghana Institution of Quantity Surveyors (**GhIS**).
 - ✓ Institute of Quantity Surveyors of Kenya (**IQSK**).
 - ✓ Institute of Quantity Surveyors Sri Lanka (**IQSSL**).
 - ✓ Royal Institute of Surveyors Malaysia (**RISM**).
 - ✓ Building Surveyor's Institute of Japan (**BSIJ**).
 5. Discussed the avenues to harness and enhance existing relationships the **NIQS** has in place with the leadership of the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (**CIQS**) and the possible collaboration for a webinar on global issues relevant to the industry trends and profession.
 6. The appointment of two (2) members of the **NIQS** as the Chair and Vice Chair of **FIG Commission 10** thereby enhancing the opportunities for our members to be at the leadership helm of international bodies.

The overall engagement with member institutions was focused on the need to consider extensive knowledge sharing and collaborations in other to keep promoting the **NIQS** and the Quantity Surveying profession worldwide through constant capacity building of professional members.

It is now time to harness the benefits of these successes by creating a framework that would ensure continuity and that would allow for even more grounds to be gained. To this end, I shall in accordance with the corporate strategy and rebranding agenda of our noble institute;

1. Continue to leverage on the existing relationship with international organisations to initiate more reciprocity agreements with similar professional bodies worldwide for the achievement of global recognition of the institute and her qualified members.
2. Continue to expand the benefits of partnership with our counterparts beyond labour migration and ensure other aspects of the reciprocity agreements are leveraged upon towards building knowledge capacity of members and exchange of intellectual resources as enshrined in the Corporate Strategy of the Institute.
3. Ensure the sustenance of the involvement of **NIQS** members as leaders in the global bodies of the profession such as the **International Cost Management Standards Coalition (ICMSC)**, **FIG**, **ICEC**, **AAQS** and much more.
4. Ensure the participation of the institute in more activities to promote the profession across the continent and most especially within countries that are yet to establish their institutes.
5. Ensure the increased knowledge sharing and participation of members in the activities of the international bodies. In addition, I will ensure more members of the institute present research papers at international conferences and volunteer to occupy key positions during planning of international conferences and moderating sessions.
6. Develop appropriate policies and programmes for maintaining and promoting close contact with sub-regional, regional and international organizations for the mutual benefit of the Institute and of these organizations.
7. Foster cooperation with professional organizations in addressing issues and concerns of common interest and mutual benefit through exchange of information and co-sponsoring professional activities/meetings.
8. Analyze and interpret international policies, issues, legislations, as well as the activities of the institute and other organizations overseas: analyzing possible causes and consequences of international issues, as well as developing possible solutions; Forecasting political, economic, and social trends; Liaising with other organizations, bodies, research agencies, and the media, on issues relevant to the institute and the profession. These tasks shall be executed in collaboration with the offices of the Secretary, Professional Development and Library and the Secretary, Marketing and Corporate Affairs.
9. Ensure the continued application and standardization of international best practices in order to ensure quality services are provided.

10. Continue to provide the necessary support and assist **the President** and the **National Executive Council** of the **NIQS** in the discharge of any international professional assignment that promotes the interest of the profession and the developing of international cooperation projects in governmental and non-governmental forums and other activities of the institute.

I have dedicated myself to the service of the **NIQS**, having volunteered to serve in various positions as a senate member of **NIQS Lagos State Chapter (2012-2020)**, a member, **NIQS Marketing and Corporate Affairs Committee (2017- 2019)** and most recently **Secretary, International Affairs of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS)**.

I have continued to champion the course for the identity, visibility and relevance of the institute, capacity development and welfare related issues amongst my fellow Quantity Surveyors and Cost Managers, created avenues for others to thrive, and I am dedicated to the service of the institute as a whole.

According to **Harvey Firestone ‘the growth and development of people is the highest calling of leadership’**. The foregoing and my antecedents in my current role I believe, have shown that I am a passionate and enthusiastic individual who extremely values fostering relationships and capacity building, I have demonstrated my excellent interpersonal relationship skills, exceptional professionalism and a strong work ethic, superb analytical, problem-solving, and conflict resolution skills and I that I am able to use my creativity and imagination to develop new theories and to apply new solutions to problems.

I am eloquent with the right dedication and most importantly have listening ears and these have served me well in the Office of the Secretary, International Affairs of our great institute.

I therefore, respectfully request you to again vote for me. It would be a great honour and privilege to continue to serve you in this capacity if re-elected into this position and I pledge to continue to diligently carry out the functions of my office with the utmost dispatch and professionalism contributing my ideas and abilities to the promotion of the **NIQS** to grant her visibility and propel her to even greater heights.

Thank you.



QS. Bolaji Sotunde