

Project Management Update from Nigeria



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ProMaCon tackles Capital Project Challenges in Port Harcourt

The 4th edition of the ProMaCon event with the theme CAPITAL PROJECTS AND IMPLEMENTATION was held on the 20th November 2012 at the Landmark Hotel Port Harcourt. The programme which was anchored by **Mr. Adeoye Abodunrin**, an ex-officio of PMI Lagos kicked off with welcome and introductions by **Mr. Wole Oriade**, the Project Manager of the ProMaCon Project Management Seminar – PH 2012 and was followed immediately by the Opening Address by the **Mr. Taopheek Babayeju** - Programme Director, ProMaCon while **Mr. Nathaniel Togun**, the President, PMI Port Harcourt- Nigeria delivered the Institutional Address.

There were Goodwill Messages by the leader of the Central Bank of Nigeria delegation, **Mr. Nwaiwu Malachy**, Deputy Director Branch Operations and also **Mr Esege Eja-Dons**, SA to the Governor of Cross Rivers State on Project Monitoring and Evaluation. A one minute silence was observed in respect of the demised Chairman of ProMaCon - **Chief Oluwole Alani Adeosun**.

The Keynote Presentation was delivered by **Dr. Yemi Kale** – Statistician General of the Federation, National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and Technical Presentations by **Mr. Niyi Yusuf** – Country Managing Director, Accenture and **Dr. Diana Gimba**, CEO TenStep Project Management Nigeria.

The regional seminar which was introduced as a direct response to stakeholders' call for more professional engagements and developmental events, the mini conference which had participants from both public and private also featured Panel Discussions and break-out sessions. **Dr. Gibson Okorafor**, a Professor of Project Management, FUTO

led the session on Capital Project Monitoring and Evaluation, while **Mr. Cyril Ekpe**, Chief Engineer in Shell led the session on Project Performance Measurement.



The event provided a great avenue for networking and knowledge sharing among practicing and intending Project Managers. It ended the presentation of certificate of attendance to all participants.

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Taopheek Babayeju is a seasoned professional with over twelve years of experience in Project Management, Technology and Entrepreneurship. As a project manager, he has managed several projects across different fields including IT, Telecoms, Civil, Education, and Events to mention a few. He is known for his detailed and analytical approach to solving problems; he specialises in using technology and innovations to enhance business models and processes. His expertise includes strategies, innovations, planning and concept development.

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