

Project Management Update from Nigeria



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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PROJECT MANAGERS REGISTERED AT LAST!



At the end of the stakeholders' forum of the National Project Management Conference ProMaCon At the end of the stakeholders' forum of the National Project Management Conference ProMaCon 2011, about 500 project management professionals in attendance passed a resolution that a 'National' association for professional project managers be registered.

To this end, astute project management professionals from both private and public sector were nominated as members of the Steering Committee.

After complying with the processes and conditions of approval by the CAC, we are happy that to inform you that your **National Association of Project Management Professionals, NAPMP** has been officially registered and is duly recognised by the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with effect from May 2014.

Many thanks to the gentlemen and women (underlisted) for their efforts, persistence and contributions towards the achievement of this great feat.

(In alphabetical order)

Adedoyin Odunfa – CEO, Digital Jewels
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OGUN STATE DELIVERS GIS PROJECT USING BEST PRACTICE



Ogun State Government has employed global best practice in the delivery of its projects and programmes, this is evident in the series of infrastructural development projects going on simultaneously in various parts of the state. The same best practice has been adopted for the Ogun Geographic Information System (GIS) and Land Administration System (LAMS) Project.

The project which was awarded to three organisations with great professional track records, namely: SpatialMatrix Limited, GeoQinetiq Limited and IQ System Solutions Limited is being project managed by one of Nigeria's leading project management professionals Mr. Kolapo Solesi of Abridge Consulting. He is also supported by the Senior Special Assistants to the Governor on ICT and Projects, Mr Bunmi Adebayo and Mr Ibrahim Isiaka respectively.

The project which is to be completed in June 2014 will ensure land administration in Ogun State meets global best practice. This will ensure easier processing of title documents, better compliance with various land use policies and building regulations and eradication of double allocation of government land.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT CAREER IN FOCUS AT BELLS UNIVERSITY



Cross Section of the Project Management Students

It is no longer news that some of Nigerian universities are already offering project management as degree courses but what is challenging is that the young undergraduates uncertain about the prospects of their career choice in the ever challenging job market. This was the thinking of the Management Technology Student Association of Bells University, Ota – Ogun State when they organised a career seminar on the 2nd of May 2014 and invited Mr. Taopheek Babayeju, the CEO of iCentra Group & Programme Director of ProMaCon as the Guest Speaker.

The event which held at the at the campus of the university turned out to be an enlightenment forum for the students who for the first time had the opportunity rubbing minds and sharing their thoughts and challenges with a practicing project management professional.

Highlights of the events were: guest lecture, interactive forum, photo session and tour of the department by Mr. Bukunmi Ogunsanya, a lecturer in the department.



Tour of the Department led by Mr. Bukunmi Ogunsanya, a lecturer in the dept.

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Taopheek Babayeju is a seasoned professional with hands-on experience in Project Management, Technology and Entrepreneurship. 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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