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*"Hard work always pays off, whatever you do."
- Dustin Lynch*

*"With hard work and dedication, anything is possible."
- Timothy Weah*

*"There are no shortcuts to any place worth going."
- Beverly Sills*

*"When you truly dedicate yourself to your goals, there is no way not to achieve them."
- Max Moreno*

*"Dedication is belief transitioned into action which is transformed into change."
- Byron Pulsifer.*



TPL NATHANIEL MAMODU ATEBIJE, FNITP, JP.
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF TOWN PLANNERS

FROM THE DESK OF THE
National President

BrighterFUTURE is for those who are **DEDICATED**

Dedication is the need of the hour. It is the basic requirement for progress and the door way to the Brighter Future. It talks about doing things consistently in pursuit of a conviction and a goal. Dedication refers to giving of oneself to a wholesome purpose. Some synonyms of dedication include devotion, commitment, enthusiasm, keenness, perseverance, allegiance, loyalty and many others. They point to the fact that a dedicated person must be consistently committed to set goals or targets irrespective of the magnitude. It is important to note that the dividends of being dedicated to anything that a person sets his mind upon to do far outweigh the cost of commitment.

Dedication is an essential fulcrum for achieving success in career and organization. It helps a person to stay focused on set goals and serves as a motivation to work hard towards achieving them. Without dedication, it's easy to lose sight of your objectives and become distracted by other things. Some people would like to spend a lot of time praying without working hard. Prayers work to enhance the speed of success based on hard work. We cannot shy away from hard work in dedication. Check through these words of wisdom and refuse to give up; and rather push forward and further consistently.

Set goals are usually the minimum of targets that human minds can comprehend in a space of time. They can be expanded and exceeded through dedication and hard work. For dedicated people, the sky is not a limit, it is the starting point. Dedication is a sure way to success and the Brighter Future. If you pay the price you will get the prize. Nothing in the world can hinder or impede the firm resolve of a dedicated person. Dedication breeds optimism; sees more of opportunities and possibilities than limitations and difficulties. Strong leaders have a high level of dedication to their calls in life, profession, team and the work they do. They show dedication by following through on promises and pushing through challenges to achieve their goals. Dedication is an important skill because it helps nurture your work ethic and can lead to success. By being dedicated to the profession, yourself and your work, you open up opportunities for growth and advancement.

Dear Professional Colleagues, dedication to our Institute, hard work, commitment, creativity, integrity will open opportunities for you to achieve the Brighter Future. My joy becomes full when you enjoy the dividends of the **Brighter Future**.

URBAN PLANNING



BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

The International Day of Biological Diversity is celebrated annually on May 22nd to raise awareness about the importance of biodiversity and the need to protect and conserve the variety of life on earth. This year 2023 is not an exception and it has been tagged “From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity” It is a rallying cry that reminds us of the critical need to take concrete steps to restore and protect our planet’s precious biodiversity. The time for agreements and commitments has passed; now is the time for decisive action.

The International Day of Biological Diversity aims at highlighting the critical role that biodiversity plays in sustaining ecosystems, providing essential resources and supporting human well-being. It is an opportunity to promote and enhance understanding of the value of biodiversity for our planet and to encourage actions that preserve and sustainably manage biodiversity

Biological diversity, or biodiversity, refers to the wide range of plant and animal species, as well as the ecosystems they inhabit. Our planet is teeming with an astonishing array of life, from the tiniest micro-organisms to the majestic creatures that roam our forests and oceans. This diversity not only brings beauty and wonder to our lives, but it also plays a fundamental role in maintaining the balance of our ecosystems.

Unfortunately, human activities have put immense pressure on our natural systems, leading to the loss of biodiversity at an alarming rate. Deforestation, pollution, habitat destruction, and climate change are some of the key drivers that threaten the delicate web of life on Earth. We cannot ignore the fact that these actions have severe consequences, not only for the species facing extinction but also for our own well-being.

The loss of biodiversity has far-reaching implications for our planet. Ecosystems provide us with vital services, such as clean air, water, and food. They regulate climate, pollinate crops, compromise our own survival and that of future generations.

However, there is hope. We have the power to make a positive change and preserve biodiversity for future generations. It begins with recognizing the value of nature and understanding our interconnectedness with all living things. We must promote sustainable practices in agriculture, forestry, and fisheries, ensuring that we meet our needs while safeguarding the health of our ecosystems.

Conservation efforts should extend beyond protected areas and national parks. We need to integrate biodiversity considerations into all sectors, from urban planning to energy production. By promoting sustainable development and responsible consumption, we can reduce our ecological footprint and ensure a brighter future for all life on Earth.

Education and awareness are vital tools in the preservation of biodiversity. We must foster a deep appreciation for nature in our children and instill a sense of responsibility towards the environment. By engaging in scientific research, sharing knowledge, and supporting initiatives that promote conservation, we can collectively make a significant impact.

On this International Day of Biological Diversity, let us recommit ourselves to the cause of protecting and conserving our planet’s biodiversity. Let us recognize that our well-being is intricately linked to the health of our ecosystems and the diversity of life they support. Biological biodiversity and urban planning are interconnected and inseparable, and integrating considerations of biodiversity into urban planning is crucial for creating sustainable, resilient and livable cities. Together, we can build a future where humans coexist harmoniously with nature, preserving the magnificence of our planet for generations to come.



COURTESY CALLS & OFFICIAL VISITS

DELTA STATE CHAPTER PAID VISIT TO THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT

The 2nd National Vice President, Tpl. Prof. Kingsley C. Ogboi, FNITP, along with the Chairman and Elders of the Institute paid a courtesy call on the Secretary to the Government of Delta State recently. The purpose of the visit was to sensitize the State Government on the forthcoming National Conference and Annual General Meeting scheduled for Asaba in October. During the visit, the SSG assured members on the entourage that the Dome Conference Center would be approved for us to use for the conference programme; and efforts would be made to ensure that no government activity clashes with it.

Members of Delta State Chapter on the Courtesy Visit to SSG



SOUTH-WEST ZONE LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND COURTESY CALL ON PERMANENT SECRETARY.

The Leadership Training for the South-west zone was held on the 18th July 2023 at the Ibadan Indigenes City Hall. It was preceded by courtesy call to the Permanent Secretary of the State Ministry of Lands and Urban Development Mrs. M.O Adebisi. During the interaction, the Permanent Secretary eulogized town planners and the critical role they play in rational development. The National President appreciated her disposition to the profession and decried the quality of environment within the city of Ibadan which could be evidence of insufficient manpower, poor funding, lack of political will and equipment to work. He advised that the State Government should go on an aggressive engagement of town planners in the public and private sectors to give Ibadan and indeed Oyo State its pride of place. The Permanent Secretary blamed the minimal support of the Ministry to the programme on the late and inadequate information from the Local Organizing Committee for the MCPDP. She promised to sponsor as many members as possible to the conference at Asaba if information was passed to her early.

The Town Hall Meeting and the Zonal Leadership Training were held at Ibadan Indigenes City Hall. The Town Hall meeting was an abridged version due to challenges with power supply. It was however well understood; and generated several questions from non-town planners who attended. The Leadership Training was also rich and attended by a good number of representatives from neighbouring State Chapters. The zonal leadership training programme targeted leaders at the Chapter levels to enhance their knowledge of the expectations from them in leadership through transparency, accountability, truthfulness, ethical compliance and other virtues of leadership. They were also taught on diversity management, constitution and conventions of the Institute as instruments of leadership as well as protocols. Course tutors were versatile professionals drawn from within and outside the membership of the Institute. Certificates of participation were given to participants. It was successful.

Courtesy calls were also made to the President General of Central Committee of Ibadan Indigenes and the Vice Chancellor of Leads University. The President-General of Clubs of Ibadan Indigenes graced the Town Hall meeting with some of his executive members. In the same vein, a radio programme was arranged with Radio Nigeria where the National President and Past President Steve Onu featured. Another Online Radio session was organized with Breeze FM Station at Akure, anchored by Tpl. Ogunseyi Ayodele Joseph. Indeed the outreach to Ibadan was very engaging and rewarding.

NITP EBONYI STATE CHAPTER PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER OF CAPITAL CITY AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The Ebonyi State Chapter of the NITP visited the Honourable Commissioner for Ebonyi State Ministry of Capital City & Urban Development, Hon. Sunday Inyinma. The team led by the Chairman of the Chapter, Tpl. Nwafor J. Uchenna requested that the Honourable Commissioner should prioritize the issue of providing bus stops along the major roads in the city; ensure effective development control and compliance with planning regulations and as well, and sponsor town planners in his Ministry to the Institute's programmes.

Corroborating these requests, the Chairman of the Consultant Town Planners, Tpl. Igweogu Joseph listed out the requirements for processing planning permits. He emphasized that site analysis report and plan (SARP) and environmental impact assessment report (EIAR) are prepared by registered town planners, who have either retired from the civil service or are into private practice. He affirmed that the services of town planners are comparable to the services of a lawyer who prepares power of attorney or an architect who produces the architectural drawing. He therefore urged members of staff of the Ministry to desist from collecting money from developers for SARP on behalf of consultant town planners. Rather, they should connect the developers to consultant town planners, to avoid creating a wrong public perception of the profession.

The Commissioner in his response assured that his office is open for members of the Chapter who have any idea or proposal that could enhance the beauty of the State capital, as his administration is poised to transforming Abakaliki Capital City. He further promised he would always be delighted to receive the professional inputs of town planners, who he described as the owners of the city, for consideration and where necessary, forward to the Governor.

COURTESY VISIT TO HON. COMMISSIONER FOR LANDS AND HOUSING, ABIA STATE

NITP Abia State Chapter paid a courtesy visit to the Commissioner for Lands and Housing Hon. Chaka Chukwumereije today the 15th of August 2023. He welcomed the delegates and thanked them for their effort and support for the administration of Dr. Alex Otti (OFR) and his vision to create a new Abia.

In the Chairman's address, he highlighted the importance of having our department remain in the required Ministerial structure of the Ministry of Lands and Housing because of its importance. Other issues were also addressed during the visit. The Chairman congratulated the Hon. Commissioner and pledged that Abia NITP will support him and the department of Town Planning to improve Physical Planning and Development in the State. The Commissioner was so pleased with the institute and their support so far, he promised to always reach out to them where necessary and encouraged them to give him necessary technical support that will aid his success as Commissioner.

In an earlier visit to the SSG, representing the National President of the Institute, the 1st National Vice President, Tpl. Ogonna Chime FNITP, reiterated the need for the new government to set up structures for the domestication of the 1992 Nigerian Urban and Regional Planning Law in the State.

On his part, the Secretary to Abia State Government, Professor Kenneth Kalu representing the State Governor, Mr. Alex Otti, stated the government's readiness to rebuild a better Abia through the religious observation of the state's masterplan. He also stated that the government will collaborate with the institute in the rebuilding process of the state.

TPI. Chinwe C. Ekwuribe
Chapter Secretary.

TPI. Stephen Nwazue, the Chapter Chairman,
TPI. Uju Uwaga the Chapter Fin. Sec, Mr.
Kennedy Izuwa the Provost, TPI. Dr. C
L. Odumuko PPNITP, TPI. Lekwa Ezutah
PPNITP, TPI C E. Nwaogwugwu Past
Chairman, TPI. S. Umezurike TOPEC Rep.
TPI. Phillip Okeakpu ATOPCON Chairman
and the Chairperson AWTPN, TPI. Chinyere
Ibegbulam, and the Directors of Town
Planning.

NITP OSUN CONGRATULATES HER MEMBER ON HIS NOMINATION AS COMMISSIONER

The leadership of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners, Osun State Chapter, headed by the Chairman, Tpl. Gazali Agboola MNITP, congratulate her member, Tpl. Dr. B.T. Salam, on his appointment as Commissioner for Regional Integration and Special Duties. Visiting the Commissioner in his office, the State Chapter executives and Directors at the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning expressed the Institute's readiness to work with the Commissioner and his Ministry in the achievement of the mandates of the new administration as well as improve planning efforts in the State.

Similarly, a courtesy visit was made to the commissioner of Lands and Physical planning for the same purpose. Responding, the Commissioner expressed his willingness to collaborate with the Institute on the advancement of the planning profession in the state.



Members of Osun State Executives with the Honourable Commissioner for Regional Integration



NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF TOWN PLANNERS



invites you to its

NATIONAL CONFERENCE/ Annual General Meeting



THEME:

PLANNING NIGERIAN SETTLEMENTS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND FLOOD RESILIENCE

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October, 2023

Conference Registration Fee (August 1 - September 30, 2023)	NGN60,000
Very Late Payment (October 1 - 15, 2023)	NGN70,000
Graduate Members	NGN20,000
Student Members	NGN10,000
Foreign Participants	USD150



PRINCIPLES OF TEACHING

CULLED FROM THE WHATSAPP PLATFORM OF NIGERIAN ASSOCIATION OF TOWN PLANNING EDUCATORS

PRINCIPLES OF TEACHING

- Proceed from simple to complex
- Proceed from known to unknown
- Proceed from part to whole
- Proceed from particular to general
- Motivate learners to learn
- Do not teach in isolation
- Teach to learners' individual difference

METHODS OF TEACHING

- Problem solving method
- Play way method
- Story telling method
- Lecture method
- Discussion method
- Field trip/excursion method
- Assignment method
- Project method
- Demonstration method

QUALITIES OF A GOOD EDUCATOR

- Good class control
- Good characters
- Keeping the diary
- Neatness
- Kindness
- Mastery of subjects
- Effective communication
- Initiating contact with parents
- Able to face reality
- Flexibility

ROLES OF GOOD EDUCATOR

- Learning facilitator
- School leader
- Curriculum specialist
- Instructional specialist
- Classroom supporter
- Resource provider
- Mentor

TEACHING SKILLS

- Patience
- Confidence
- Communication
- Enthusiasm
- Creativity
- Dedication
- Organization



Inaugural Lectures



TPL (Prof) Taibat Lawanson

University of Lagos

Tpl. Prof. Taibat Lawanson delivered her inaugural lecture titled: "Alternative Urbanisms: Beyond Utopian Visions of the 'Emerging' African City," on the 21st of June, 2023. During the lecture, she noted that Lagos had over 157 slum communities which deserve attention. She utilized the medium to advocate a rethink of the urban development approach in Africa from "the Western market-oriented one to an Afro-centric, human-centered one." The Professor of Urban Management and Governance recommended that with the situation of the slums, "we must address the urbanization of Lagos, looking at the alternative urbanism that has been created in these communities". She also noted that African cities must also recognize and leverage the transformative power of people-led practices for sustainable urban development. There is a need to recognize the agency in community-led urban development practices. The agency of everyday citizens manifests in urban adaptive practices that are authentic responses to environmental and economic shifts and are non-inferior in shaping our urban identity.

"In prioritizing urban development interventions, there is a need to ensure that projects are fit for purpose and sustainable. Hence, the need to support the broad spectrum of meso, mega, mini, and micro scales. Project promoters should cut across government, public-private people partnerships as well as communities. "Planning must also transcend the dichotomous thinking of formal-informal and explore opportunities in hybrid infrastructure and city building. Project selection should be evidence-based and people-endorsed, and sustainability plans must take into account the capacity of local communities to maintain infrastructure."

She described urban planning as an effective tool that can address multi-sectoral development challenges and be deployed for achieving socioeconomic, political, and sustainable urbanization goals. "Therefore, there is a need for planners to understand the socio-spatial and political processes which shape the contexts and the recurring dynamics where their work is situated." The don also called for the dismantling of colonial urban planning and design policies which she noted do not reflect the present diversity of African people and places. She suggested building new alternatives "that would ultimately transform African cities and public spaces to be truly African."

In her remarks, the university's Vice Chancellor, Folasade Ogunsola, commended the inaugural lecturer, noting that the presentation highlighted the need to revisit the African urban vision. She said the presentation reflected "the important role of cities as places of dynamism, creativity, opportunity and vulnerability, and how African cities are trapped between primordial proclivities, colonial legacies and current aspirations for world-class status.



TPL (Prof) Omole Felix Kayode

Federal University of Technology, Akure

TPL (Prof) Omole F.K, a Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners (FNITP), former Chairman NITP Ondo State Chapter (2018-2021) delivered his inaugural lecture on the 6th of June 2023, being the 154th inaugural lecture of the Federal University of Technology Akure. The Inaugural Lecture titled: **“Regional Planning and Market Centers: The Fulcrum of Physical Development”**.

The lecture X-rayed how market centers can be used to drive regional development, readdress and tackle Urban decay among other things.

Click [here](#) or [here](#) for more information.



TPL (Prof) Musibau Omoakin Jelili

Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso

The 53rd Inaugural Lecture of the Ladoke Akintola University of Technology was delivered by Tpl (Prof) Musibau Omoakin Jelili at the Great Hall of the institution on the 18th May, 2023. The Inaugural Lecture, which was the 4th in the 31 years old Department of Urban and Regional Planning of the institution, was titled **“Informal Urbanism and the Imperatives of Inclusive Planning”**. The lecture, in spite of its livestreaming for the attention of the global community, was well attended in person by an audience from all walks of life, including members of the university community, colleagues from other universities and members of the NITP, especially Past Chairmen of the Oyo State Chapter of the NITP, Representative of the Oyo State on TOPREC and the immediate Past President of the Town Planners Registration Council of Nigeria (TOPREC), Tpl (Prof) Bolanle Wahab and Tpl (Emeritus Professor) Layi Egunjobi, respectively, among other dignitaries that graced the occasion.

In the lecture, Tpl (Prof) M.O. Jelili, established the importance of the informal sector activities and practices in the urban economies of Nigeria and other developing countries, as well as their complementary roles, and frowned at the undue neglect and/or forceful eviction of the participants from the city, claiming they have equal rights to be in the city with other segments of the urban population. Using examples from his two-decade research experience, the inaugural lecturer justified the need for inclusive planning as a panacea for sustainable urban development.

Arising from his assertion that “urbanization process in Africa is largely informal in nature”, he concluded that any form of urban planning in sub-Saharan Africa that does not envisage and cater for informal urbanism “is a fantasy” and likely to fail. He then proposed a model, which he describes as “Inclusive Afro-Urban Planning Model”, in which a framework for all forms, types and/or components of urban development planning is established for sustainable urban development in Nigeria and Africa.



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2023 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

UPDATE ON



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Southampton



Evolving Cities
and Towns

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EVOLVING CITIES AND TOWNS

12TH - 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

14 MEMBERS REGISTERED

FLIGHT
BOOKING



VISA
APPLICATION



CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION



HOTEL
BOOKING



UK STUDY
TOUR



WE WILL BE THERE

16 members originally interested.
2 members with valid visas.
14 visa applications made.
12 applications approved.
2 applications denied.

88%

VISA SUCCESS RATE



T P L . AYUBA SAYS

AIHS has impacted NITP through collaboration



The Chairman of the FCT Chapter of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners (NITP), Tpl. Lami Ayuba, described the Africa International Housing Show (AIHS) 2023 as very interesting and revealing because, "it brought together housing developers and champions in the housing industry. She said this year's edition of the show impacted the NITP through collaboration with international bodies like the International Finance Corporation (IFC) which she said will assist NITP in capacity building and EDGES Certification. According to her, the partnership is aimed at educating housing developers for better packaging and upgrading of their organization in order to access finance that is provided by the IFC and through the IFC, members of the Institute in the private sector can also get pre-qualification for EDGES Certification or become consultants to people who want to access finance, likewise members in the public sector.



Advocacy Meeting with Planners at the Management Cadre in Abuja Sponsored by Hon. Member of NITP, Barr. Festus Adebayo, attended by Past Presidents and other dignitaries.



Evening Party organized by Hon. Member of NITP, Barr. Festus Adebayo for Interaction between NITP and IFC (International Finance Corporation) during Africa International Housing Show 2023



FROM THE **NATIONAL INSTITUTE**

NITP congratulates New Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Set Agenda

The National President of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners, Tpl. Nathaniel Atebije FNITP joined his colleagues in the built environment to congratulate the New Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Arc. Ahmed Dangiwa. He, at the instance of the Housing Stakeholders Agenda Setting Dinner for the new ministers, described the appointment of the Ministers as “square pegs in square holes” believing that it is a manifestation of the hope that has been promised. He further noted that the Ministers are men who know the job, have passion for the job, qualified, tested and trusted.

While urging the Ministers to focus on issues that will bring about a sane environment, he stressed the importance of activating the Nigerian Urban and Regional Planning Law, amending obsolete portions, introduce new issues to meet up with current trends in physical planning. He urged the Ministers to facilitate and conclude some of the works in progress such as the National Urban Development Policy, National Physical Planning Standards, National Housing Policy and the National Building Code. He also pledged the support of the Institute in assuring that the administration achieves its focus including completion of existing projects such as housing and urban development policies.

Third Leg of the MCPDP 2023 holds successfully in Ibadan

The South-west edition was held at the auditorium of Leads University, Ibadan from 19th to 20th July. Ibadan center was attended by 310 participants; and it drew a sizable number from the neighbouring States and members from other States outside the catchment zone. On the whole, the total number

The third leg of the 2023 Mandatory Continuous Professional Development Programme (MCPDP) was of participants this year (from all the centers) was barely over 710, the programme was highly engaging, interactive and adjudged to be extremely educative.

One of the great features of the MCPDP at Ibadan was the donation of books to the Institute by two prominent members. Tpl. Mrs. Chidinma Jane Nwobi recently wrote a book titled “Physical Planning: The Nigerian Experience”. She donated 50 (fifty) copies of the book to the Institute. Another highly respected academic and member of the Institute, Tpl. Dr. Oluwole Daramola wrote a book titled “A Comprehensive Handbook on Urban and Regional Planning in Nigeria”. He donated five copies to the Institute. May these wonderful gestures be rewarded by the Almighty God.

National President holds Interactive Session in FCT, urges Town Planners to uphold Professional Integrity

Town Planners in the Federal Capital Territory have been urged to uphold professional integrity at all times. This admonition was made during the interactive session between the National President, Tpl. Nathaniel Atebije FNITP, the Executive Director of Housing Development Advocacy Network (HDAN), Mr. Festus Adebayo and the Town Planners in the Management Cadre of the FCT.

The essence of the interactive session was to chart a way forward through content analysis and reasoning together towards addressing some of the challenges facing town planners, particularly in the FCT as well as exploring available opportunities. Having been part of the system, the National President espoused the town planners to the intricacies associated with their offices but strongly advised that members should uphold professional integrity at all times. Stating the institute's willingness to assist members, he maintained that one of the agenda of the brighter future is to provide platforms, support and training to members to ensure best practice.



FROM THE STATE CHAPTERS

FCT Chapter Holds Town Planners Day

The FCT Chapter of the Institute held its Annual Conference tagged “Town Planners’ Day for 2023 on Wednesday, 30th August 2023 at the prestigious Shehu Musa Yar’Adua Center in Abuja. The programme was declared open by the Executive Secretary of FCDA, Engr. Shehu Hadi Ahmad, FNSE, FNIQB, who was ably represented by the Director of Urban and Regional Planning Tpl. Abubakar Yahaya.

Addressing the audience, the National President, Tpl, Nathaniel Atebije faulted the deployment of the Geographic Information System as a product rather than a tool. Defining GIS as a computer system that analyses and displays geographically referenced information and uses data attached to a unique location, he noted that part of the distortion of the Abuja Master Plan can be attributed to the abuse of Geographic Information System (GIS).

The National President said that the deceit of foreign experts to the country’s policymakers about GIS as supreme in the business of town planning must be arrested especially those who come in the name of deploying GIS to generate funds for states and end up usurping the functions of physical planning. Over time, this misinformation has spread around the country and many States have fallen victims,” he said. He described GIS as a “tool that planners use for their services” and not an end itself, adding that it was a misnomer for a tool to be more important than its user.

He noted that in some cases, planning projects were given to foreign consultants by policymakers, and they ended up producing fanciful and mind-blowing plans. Such plans, according to him, do not meaningfully relate to the environment and the capacity of the government to deliver. He, therefore, calls on governments at all levels to engage indigenous consultants to provide services in various aspects of planning and implementation logistics.

Earlier, the Chairperson of the FCT Chapter, TPL. Lami Ayuba said that the theme, “Strategies for Implementation of Physical Development Plans in the FCT”, was to create sustainable, well-planned, and resilient urban spaces. She maintained that the FCT serves as a focal point for urban development in Nigeria, adding that effective implementation of physical development plans was pivotal. This, according to her, will ensure that the communities that were built were not only functional but also aesthetically, pleasing, and conducive to the well-being of citizens.

TPI. Prof. Adamu Ahmed, FNITP, from the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, ABU Zaria presented the lead paper. Other presenters TPI. Kabir Yari, FNITP, PPNITP, mni, and TPI. Dr. Mohammed Zayyanu, FNITP. Their papers centered on “Funding Strategies for Implementation of Physical Development Plans” and “Synergy amongst Stakeholders for Development Plan Implementation in the FCT respectively. Discussants of the papers included Engr. Ferdinand Ezeoha, TPI.

Dr. Yakubu Bununu, Arc. Paul Okunlola, Tpl. Mohammed Lawal Shaibu, Tpl. Aminat Salau, Tpl. Dr. Rasaan Yinka Sheriff, Tpl. Shola Salami and Tpl. Mahfuza Adamu Abubakar.



Cross section of participants at the 2023 Town Planners Day in Abuja

URP RSUST and NITP Rivers State Chapter celebrate Tpl. Prof. Opuenebo Owei FNITP at Book Launch

Retiring after meritorious service to both Rivers State University of Science and Technology (RSUST) and outstanding leadership to the Rivers State Chapter of the Institute, the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Rivers State University of Science and Technology and the Rivers State Chapter of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners, celebrates one of her shining icon in the state - Prof Opuenebo Owei FNITP. In her honour, a book titled Landuse Planning and Environmental Management in Nigeria was written and launched. The launching held in Port Harcourt saw the gathering of members of the leadership of River State University of Science and Technology, the leadership of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners and Town Planners Registration Council, members of the state chapter of the institute and friends. Notable among these are the National President, Tpl, Nathaniel Atebije FNITP; Tpl. Dr. Ezekiel Gunn, FNITP and the Chairman of the Rivers State Chapter, TPL Ikechukwu Emmanuel MNITP.

Describing her as a role model to younger planners, the National President, TPL Nathaniel Atebije FNITP noted that Prof Owei represents dedication to the Institute and is one of the many women contributing immensely to the development of the profession in the country. He further noted that her strides, contributions and experiences are the leaps on which the Brighter Future lies. Professor Mrs. Owei FNITP, a former Acting Vice Chancellor of the institution and the TOPREC representative of Rivers State has established herself as a fulfilled town planner and administrator per excellence.

Anambra State Chapter Elects New EXCO Members

Following the expiration of the tenure of Executive Committee for Anambra State Chapter of the Institute has elected a new set of servant-leaders. The election which took place at Awka on 30th August 2023, was conducted after fulfilling the resolutions of National Council of payment of annual dues for not less than two-thirds of the members in the State Chapter and received a written approval from the National President. The election was supervised by the 2nd National Vice President, Tpl. Prof. K. C. Ogboi, FNITP. The elected officers include:

1	Tpl. Nwofor Benjamin Obiora, FNITP	Chairman
2	Tpl. Igwilo Ifeanyi	Vice Chairman
3	Tpl. Agufugo Vivian Ifeoma,	Secretary
4	Tpl. Sidney-Nnebue Queencalista	Assistant Secretary
5	Tpl. Nwachukwu Chika Angela	Financial Secretary
6	Tpl. Okpala Chikwado M.	Treasurer
7	Tpl. Alom Anselem C.	Public Relations Secretary (PRS)
8	Tpl. Okolo Chris Izuchukwu	Assistant PRS
9	Tpl. Okoye Paschal	Auditor
10	Tpl. Ifemedebe Emmanuel	Immediate Past Chairman
11	Tpl. Iloerika Adaeze	Immediate Past Secretary



Book Launch of Tpl. Prof. Mrs. Opuenebo Owei on Wednesday, 5th July 2023 at the Rivers State University, Port Harcourt.



ATOPCON ASSOCIATION OF TOWN PLANNING CONSULTANTS OF NIGERIA

ATOPCON holds Annual General Meeting, Elects TPL Adebisi Adedire FNITP as National President.

The association of Town Planning Consultants in Nigeria held its Annual General Meeting entitled: "Fostering Urban Sustainability and Development Through effective Town Planning Service Delivery in Nigeria: The Role of Town Planning Consultants." on the 21st of August, 2023 at Ibadan, the Oyo State Capital. The event saw the emergence of Tpl. Bisi Adedire FNITP as the new president of the association. Speaking while delivering the acceptance speech shortly after being elected, the newly elected President of the Association of Town Planning Consultants of Nigeria (ATOPCON), Tpl. Bisi Adedire FNITP, has promised that the association under him would strive to ensure the continuity and sustenance of existing town planning firms. He further noted that that the association will open the door for the acceptance of more firms across the country.

At the same event, the consulting planners clamoured for urban systems reform and adaptable frameworks such as structure and area plans, which would replace inflexible master plans and decentralised land management, as well as improve zoning codes. They also called for policy reforms that ensure transparent systems for land ownership and better coordination within public entities to improve service provision. Leading the call, a past president of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners (NITP), TPL Kabir Yari FNITP, said: "To capitalise on economies of scale and promote job creation, Nigeria must reform its urban systems. Failure to do so undermines the potential of cities to drive growth and expand small businesses. He explained that incompetent municipal or metropolitan authorities' outdated and inflexible master plans are hindering the planned expansion of urban areas. "Weak institutions and insufficient coordination between public entities cause inefficient development and increased service provision costs.

The Past President maintained that the current knowledge and sophistication of indigenous town planning consultants better posit them contribute to the nation's sustainable urban development and urban sustainability. He advised consultants to be multi-professional and invest in Information Communication Technology tools and equipment, as well as form a consortium of two or more firms to handle big and complex projects. He noted that coordinating units at the metropolitan level would facilitate knowledge sharing, create integrated transportation plans, local land development and infrastructure, and provide essential urban services to informal areas that lack basic amenities.

Nigerian Institute of Town Planners (NITP) President, TPL Nathaniel Atebije FNITP, represented by TPL Dr. Moses Ogunleye FNITP, said the association has become a veritable tool to the Institute, and pledged its continuous support. He encouraged members to be diligent in practice to earn respect of the public and practice with a high level of integrity to move the association forward.

The newly elected executive members are:

1	Tpl. Bisi Adedire. FNITP	President
2	Tpl. Hakeem O. Badejo. FNITP	Vice President
3	Tpl. Toba Oyebanji. FNITP	Secretary General
4	Tpl. (Prince) Mike Nwakobi, MNITP	Assistant Secretary
5	Tpl. Joshua O. Adeniyi, MNITP	Financial Secretary
6	Tpl. Vivian Onyebuke, MNITP	Treasurer
7	Tpl. Oladunjoye Arowosegbe. FNITP	Public Relations Secretary
8	Tpl. Adams S. Adewale, MNITP	Auditor
9	Tpl. Muyiwa Adelu. FNITP	Ex Officio I
10	Tpl. Sola O. Atoyebi, MNITP	Ex-Officio II



NITP-YPF Lagos State Chapter Executives Held Online Retreat

The newly elected executives of the NITP-YPF Lagos State chapter held a day virtual retreat to examine strategies for repositioning the Lagos State Chapter of the YPF for National Growth and Development Agenda. The guest speaker, Tpl Lookman Oshodi FNITP, utilized the event to emphasize the significance of comprehensive plans in fostering the growth of the nation. He highlighted strategies that Nigeria can utilize to leverage her huge population to address social and environmental challenges in the country. Other guests at the event noted the need for the Young Planners Forum to be optimistic, engaging and supportive of members, providing them with the necessary training and welfare package to achieve their goals.

Young Planners Forum (FCT Chapter) Commemorates International Youth Day

The FCT Chapter of the Young Planners Forum commemorates the 2023 International Youth Day with a three-day programme. The two-day event which was held on the 12th and 14th August 2023 is themed Empowering Youth: Exploring and Enhancing the Intersection of Housing and Mobility in the FCT. The event commenced with public engagement and tour which was held at three parks i.e. Jabi Lake Park, Wuse Market, and Millenium Park saw the creation of awareness on the advocacy of town planning and the importance of town planners both at the FCT and the nation. On Monday, 14th August 2023, a technical forum x-raying the realities of housing and mobility in the FCT was held at Novare Central, Wuse, Abuja. At the technical forum, the young planners highlighted the need for updating of master plans, development control, and youth-inclusive participatory planning to achieve enhanced mobility and housing in the FCT.

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EXIT OF ANOTHER ICON OF THE PLANNING FAMILY

The National President, Nigerian Institute of Town Planners (NITP), Tpl. Nathaniel M. Atebije, FNITP on behalf of the National Council and entire Membership of the Institute commiserates with the family of **Tpl. Dr. Emmanuel. E. Nze**, FNITP, PPNITP on his demise which occurred in the early hours of Wednesday, July 26, 2023 after a brief illness. Before his death, he served the Institute and Town Planning Profession in various capacities among which include National President of the Institute from 1996 to 1998.

OBSEQUIES

<p>Tuesday, September 5, 2023 2:00pm Service of Tributes by the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners (NITP)</p> <p>Thursday, September 7, 2023 7:00am Body leaves Aladinma mortuary to his residence at Plot 16 Naigwe Street, Prefab Housing Estate, Owerri.</p>	<p>9:00am Lying in state at his country home in Umuokele, Egbelu-Umuhu, Enyigogu, Aboh Mbaise LGA</p> <p>10:30am Funeral mass at St Paul's Catholic Parish Egbelu-Umuhu</p> <p>Interment follows after mass in his country home.</p>
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Sunday, September 10, 2023
Thanksgiving mass at St Paul's Catholic Parish Egbelu-Umuhu

May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

Signed
Tpl. Dr. David Olawale, FNITP
National Public Relations Secretary



Tpl. Dr. Emmanuel. E. Nze, FNITP, PPNITP

An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. In the foreground, there are several houses with various roof colors (grey, brown, blue) and some swimming pools. A road runs horizontally across the middle of the image. In the background, there is a dense, lush green forest. The entire image has a light green tint.

FEEDBACK

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