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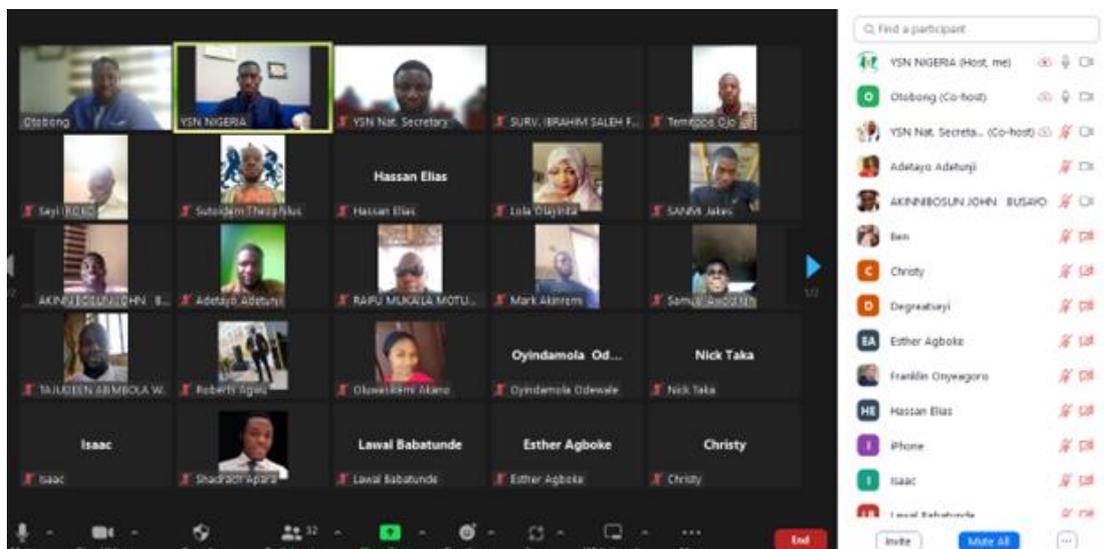
Attention: FIG Director and FIG YSN Chair,

Dear Sir/Madam,

REPORT ON THE YSN NIGERIA GLOBAL SURVEYORS` DAY AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (2nd FEBRUARY TO 18th. APRIL, 2023)

1. YSN NIGERIA PARTICIPATES IN GLOBAL SURVEYORS` DAY, 2023

Young Surveyors all over Nigeria celebrated Global Surveyors Day on the 21st of March, 2023. There were a series of activities by YSN members at national, zonal, and state branches. These activities included road walks, training, media talk, awareness about the profession to the public, etc. The YSN Nigeria organised a virtual seminar session which started at 3:05 pm and ended around 5:05 pm. The first session was on “Surveying as a corporate business: understanding business structuring and branding for Surveyors” delivered by Barrister Etido David where he talked about personal branding, how surveyors should make an impact on their society, value-added services, attending conferences, joining politics and advocacy programmes, etc. The second session was delivered by Surv. Dr. A.C. Chukwuocha who talked on “accomplishing good registration of GNSS Derived Coordinates on Existing Local Geospatial Data Infrastructure”. We had more than 30 participants with Surv. Dr. Lola Olayinka, fnis and Surv. Hassan Elias, fnis, amongst other high dignitaries in attendance.



2. 2023 FIG WORKING WEEK AND FIG ARN ACTIVITIES

The FIG technical committee has accepted at least 5 manuscripts of our members for presentation at the upcoming 2023 FIG Working Week in Orlando. Our members are getting ready for visa interviews and other preparations necessary to attend the Working Week.

On the other hand, YSN Nigeria receives the schedule of 2023-2026 activities of FIG Africa Regional Network, from the Chairperson, FIG-ARN, Mohammed Mamman Kabir, mni. A few of these include: 4 No. Africa Young Surveyors Summer Camp and 3 No. ARN-FIG Mentoring/Train-The-Trainer Workshops.

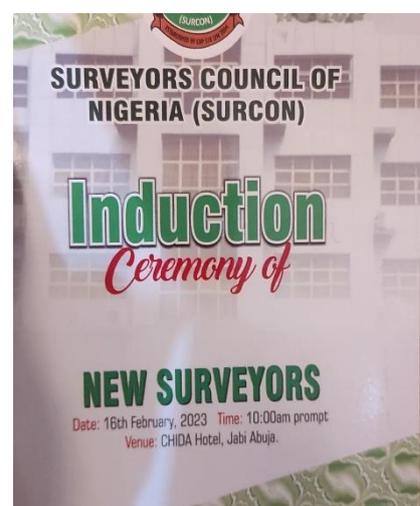
3. YSN MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS/RECOGNITION:

Surv. Adamu Bala, MNIS was selected by the famous American geospatial magazine – the xyHt as one of the 23 Young Geospatial Professionals to watch in 2023. He equally got recognised as one of the (under 40 years) Geospatial World 50 Rising Stars drawn from 34 countries worldwide, by the Geospatial World Forum.

Ms. Angela Omamuyovwi Anyakora has also won the FIG Foundation Young Surveyors grants to attend and participate in FIG Working Week 2023 and the first FIG Young Surveyors Americas Regional Meeting in Orlando, Florida USA. Congratulations to both Adamu and Angela.

4. SURCON INDUCTION, 2023

The Surveyors Council of Nigeria (SURCON) inducted 394 newly registered surveyors on the 16th of February, 2023. We are happy to announce that our members are getting more interested in Registering into different cadres of SURCON registration based on their level of qualification. This is evident in the increasingly large numbers of Young Surveyors getting Registered annually.



5. 2023 YSN ELECTION AND THE FIRST DRAFT OF CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW

The tenure of current YSN Exco members elapses in a few months, therefore, there will be a change of YSN Exco members through elections coming up during the 57th NIS Conference. The electoral committee had been set up and inaugurated in November, 2022. They have since commenced their duties as ELCOM members.

The YSN Congress also reached a resolution to collect N3,000 annual dues from each member, to be shared as N2,100 (70%), N600 (20%), and N300 (10%) for State, National, and Zonal branches respectively.

The first draft of reviewed YSN Code of Conduct has also been released to the members on 28th March, 2023, to make observations and additional inputs. This will pave way for the final draft scheduled to be presented to the YSN congress during the upcoming 57th. NIS AGM/Conference.

6. ZONAL AND STATE CHAIRS REPORTS

SOUTHEAST ZONE

The Young Surveyors Network South East Zone is organizing a South East Survey Camp, 2023 titled “Harnessing the potentials of Young Surveyors”, which is scheduled to hold on 17-18th May, 2023 at the NIS Imo State Complex, New Owerri, Imo State. Registration for the camp is ongoing at the cost of N5,000 per participant.

YSN DELTA STATE BRANCH

The Young Surveyors Network, Delta State (a Subgroup of Nigerian Institution of Surveyors) is going to host a 2-Day State Conference with a theme: Raising the 21st Century Surveyors, from 28-29th April, 2023. The venue is NUJ Hall by Marian Babangida Way, core Area Asaba. The conference features the Nomination of YSN Executives, the State’s Surveyor General message to YSN Delta, AutoCAD Civil 3D for Route Profile & Layout Design Training, GNSS and COR Station, UAV/ Drone Training, Discussion on Local Content Courses in the Universities, etc.

YSN FCT BRANCH

The branch in collaboration with Oba surveys organized a Python training program, which began in December and came to a conclusion on the 10th of February 2023. The training was aimed at improving the programming skills of participants. The training program was conducted by an experienced trainer who provided both theoretical knowledge and practical exercises to reinforce the learning.



Participants were also given assignments to complete after each phase to test their understanding and reinforce their skills. The participants were evaluated based on their performance throughout the program, including their assignments and a final project. Those who completed the training were awarded certificates of completion. In conclusion, the Python training program was a success, and the participants expressed their gratitude to YSN FCT for organizing such a comprehensive and practical training program.

YSN KWARA STATE BRANCH

The Young Surveyors Network, Kwara State branch celebrated Global Surveyors Day on the 21st of March, 2023 with various activities:

1. Paper Presentation at the NIS/APPSN Secretariat, Ilorin, Kwara State

- a. The First Resource Person Surv. Jamba-Oda Taofiq Yinka (mnis) delivered a paper on “GIS-Based Flood Vulnerability Assessment along Asa River, Ilorin, Nigeria.
- b. Surv. (Dr.) Idrees O. Mohammed (mnis) sub-dean, Faculty of Environmental Science, Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics, University of Ilorin also presented a paper on “UAV-Based Photogrammetry And 3d Cadastre: Prospect and Challenges”.

2. Instrument Exhibition

Various Surveying instruments were displayed by members of the Young Surveyors Network for exhibition. The applications and working principles of each instrument were explained by Surv. Dahir Muazu Omar (mnis), a Lecturer at the Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics, University of Ilorin, Kwara State.



YSN KADUNA STATE BRANCH

Pictures from Global Surveyors Day celebrations and outreaches from the Kaduna State branch



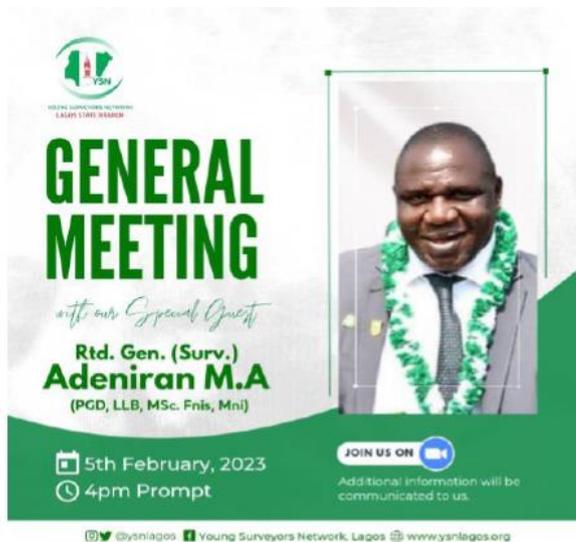
YSN OGUN STATE BRANCH

On the 16th of February, 2023, the Young Surveyors Network in Ogun State had the first preliminary meeting of the Instrument Maintenance and Repair Training – organized by the NIS Ogun state branch. The training was targeted at Young Surveyors in Ogun state, as a result of a partnership between NIS Ogun state and one of their instrument procurement companies, to enable competent instrument maintenance within the state. Similarly, on the 23rd of February, 2023, a SURCON preparatory lecture was held virtually, via Zoom App, in which the new SURCON Marking Scheme was discussed. The lecture was aimed at preparing the YS members in the State for possible expectations in forthcoming SURCON Examinations. Guest lecturers were Surv. S. A. Bello and Surv. O. B. Ogunlami.

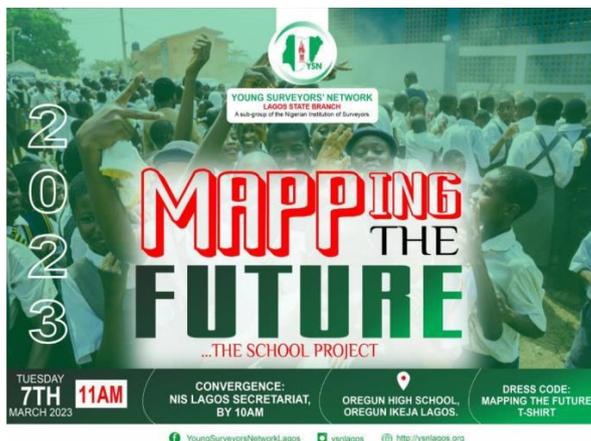
YSN LAGOS STATE BRANCH

- ✓ **Monthly General Meetings:** The YSN Lagos State branch had three (3) general meetings via the Zoom platform (January 8th, February 5th, and March 5th, 2023), and where they had over 40 participants at each meeting. During the first meeting in January, they had the privilege of receiving valuable professional advice from the NIS Vice President International, Surv Adewebi Vincent. In the second meeting held in February, Rtd. Gen.

(Surv.) Adeniran M.A. provided an insightful explanation of the concept of security concerning elections. Throughout each meeting, the speakers were able to engage with the members through an interactive question-and-answer session, ensuring that all questions were answered effectively.



- ✓ **Mapping the future program:** This was held on the 7th of March, 2023 at Oregun High School, Oregun Ikeja, Lagos. The branch partnered with the school for the career day workshop and they had over 100 students (which cut across SS1, SS2, and SS3 classes) participating in both theoretical and practical operations of a drone and its uses. The branch presented a souvenir of 60 leaves exercise books and pens to the school. Over 12 members and executives were in attendance.





- ✓ **Courtesy Visit to the Lagos Acting State Surveyor-General (SG):** The YSN Lagos delegates were welcomed by the Lagos State Acting Surveyor-General and other directors of the office. During the meeting, the Acting SG expressed gratitude to the members for being the first to congratulate him from the institution. YSN Lagos Deputy State Chair, Surv. Adegoke Adediji introduced the YSN Lagos delegates and brought greetings and apologies from the State Chair, Surv. Mrs. Boluwatife Dare-Williams who was unavoidably absent. He proceeded to provide an overview of what YSN Lagos represents to those in attendance. He also highlighted some of the branch`s initiatives such as mapping the future, Mentorship, IT/employment placement, etc. The SG expressed his admiration for the Mapping the Future program. He provided feedback on each of the branch`s programs and expressed his willingness to support the YSN Lagos team and encouraged them to approach challenges with a peaceful mindset.



During the visit, Surv. David Elegbede (YSN National communication officer) emphasized the importance of collaboration between the office and the Young Surveyors Network, Lagos State Branch. He suggested working together on projects that would build capacity within the office. Additionally, he mentioned that the office should sponsor YSN members to attend the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) event.

YSN Lagos Secretary, Miss Vera Irhivboje presented the Acting SG with a picture frame gift, and the YSN Lagos delegates took pictures with him and other directors to commemorate the event. It was a great outing and the branch hopes for better relationships and collaboration with the Surveyor General and his team.

✓ **Global Surveyors' Day:**

"A lot of people don't think much about what Surveyors do. In a nutshell, we are the interpreters and providers of landmarks and records that directly impact real property." - Mark Mason. The YSN Lagos State branch's annual global surveyors day was celebrated in style on the 21st of March, 2023 with a few members of YSN members doing a short video shout-out to congratulate their colleagues worldwide. Thereafter, the members also had an online training programme on the 22nd of March 2023 to commemorate the celebrations by bringing in top facilitators to walk the branch through the topic "Global opportunities in Surveying". Topics such as General Surveying, Drone Piloting, Hydrography, Offshore and Building Information Modelling (BIM) with a handful of overviews, were treated by seasoned speakers:



✓ **Achievements:**

- The YSN Lagos State branch had a total of fourteen (14) YSN Lagos candidates who were inducted as Surveyors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria during the 2023 Surveyors Induction by SURCON.
- The branch was able to secure IT placements for more than 15 members in this quarter.
- The branch also sponsored five (5) members to the Adekunle Kukoyi annual lecture in January and were selected based on merit.

These are the summary of activities held between 2nd February to 18th April, 2023. Please accept the assurances of our highest confidence and regards.

Yours faithfully,

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