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PROF JOSHUA OLARENWAJU OLAOYE ELECTED AS FELLOW OF NIGERIAN ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING



The Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, Prof Joshua Olanrewaju Olaoye, has been elected into the Nigerian Academy of Engineering. The Academy is the apex Think Tank of leading professionals from all branches of Engineering in Nigeria and it provides leadership in promoting Science, Technology and Innovation in Nigeria and also engages in comprehensive studies on a variety of subjects to advice government in making the right policies.

Prof Olaoye was elected into the Academy at the body's Council Meeting held on February 24, 2026 and he would be inducted as a member on Thursday June 25,2026 in Lagos.

Professor Joshua Olanrewaju Olaoye graduated from the University of Ilorin in Ilorin, Nigeria with a Ph.D. in Agricultural Engineering in 2004. In 1998, he began working for the University of Ilorin in Ilorin, Nigeria. On October 1, 2017, Olaoye advanced through the ranks to take the position of Professor of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering. He has held the positions of Head of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering and Food Engineering. From 2018 until 2022, he held the position of Director of the Unilorin Renewable Energy Centre. Former National Chairman Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers (2023-2025). He is

the former International Soil Tillage Research Organization's (ISTRO) 2021–2024 President. Olaoye has been awarded a grant for the "Agricultural Value Chain (AVAC) African Agriculture Knowledge Transfer Partnership (AAKTP):2022-2023" project, which is sponsored by Innovate UK as academic lead. In addition to many other undergraduate project students, he has successfully supervised nine Ph.D. applicants and twenty-seven M. Eng. candidates.

Olaoye registered with COREN in 2005 as a registered Engineer, Nigeria. He is also a member of many Local, National and International Associations and Professional bodies. He is a Fellow of Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers (NIAE); Fellow, Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Member American Society of Agricultural.



Professor Joshua Olanrewaju Olaoye of the University of Ilorin, Nigeria, was inaugurated as the President of the International Soil Tillage Research Organization (ISTRO) for the 2024–2027 term. He took office on September 24, 2024, in Virginia Beach, USA, becoming a key leader in advancing global soil management and agricultural engineering research.

His appointment is seen as a recognition of his expertise in agricultural engineering and his dedication to soil science on a global scale.

POLITICAL NEWS

ZULUM DISTRIBUTES FARM TOOLS, IN DAMASAK

Borno State Governor, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum, on Sunday, distributed farm tools to farmers and commissioned a new high Islamic school in Damasak, headquarters of Mobbar Local Government Area.

Governor Zulum was accompanied by the Minister of Budget and Economic Planning, Senator Abubakar Atiku Bagudu, and the Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Senator Abubakar Kyari.

Zulum's agricultural intervention aimed to boost dry-season farming and enhance the livelihoods of returnees who are gradually resettling in the community.

Zulum said, “From the beginning of this administration, dry season irrigation farming was adopted as a strategic component of the state’s food security framework. Recognizing the limitations of rain-fed agriculture in the context of climate variability, insecurity, and population growth, the government implemented a dual-season production strategy to ensure year-round farming.”

He added, “Today’s distribution of 1,000 solar-powered water pumps and 200 complete tube-well drilling kits build upon earlier targeted interventions in Damasak and surrounding communities, including irrigation infrastructure development, mechanization services, farmer-training, cooperative support, and security stabilization measures.”

He stated, “The state remains aligned with the Presidential Food Systems Coordinating Unit and continues collaboration with relevant Federal Ministries and development partners to strengthen agricultural productivity, processing, and market integration.”





PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR SERIES

February Professional Development Webinar Series

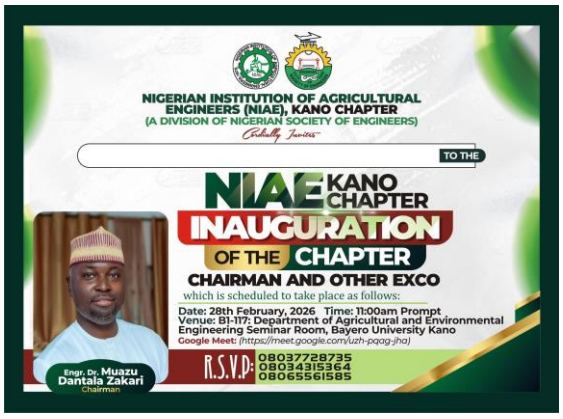


The Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers in its monthly professional development webinar series for the month

of February 2026 was presented by Engr. Dr. Nneka Nwagugu with a titled “Development of Indigenous Technologies PRODA’s perspective. It is well attended and the National Chairman Prof Joseph Adama Chair the session and moderated by Prof F. A. Alonge.

NIAE KANO CHAPTER INAUGURATED

The Kano Chapter of the Nigerian Instituition of Agricultural Engineers conducted their election after tenure expiration of Engr. Dr. N. Nasidi as chapter Chairman and subsequently the new EXCOs were inaugurated.



The Executive Committee for the year 2026 -2028 is as follows:

S/N NAMES POSITION AFFILLIATION

1 Engr. Dr. Muazu Dantala Zakari Chairman BUK

2 Engr. Yahaya Abdullahi Vice Chairman Kano State Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources

3 Engr. Zaharaddeen Usman Secretary KEDCO

4 Hatim Miftah Garba Assistant Secretary Federal College of Agricultural Produce Technology

5 Aisha Jamilu Nashe Treasurer College of Agriculture, Danbatta.

6 Amina Barau Inuwa Financial Secretary Aliko Dangote University of Science and Technology, Wudil.

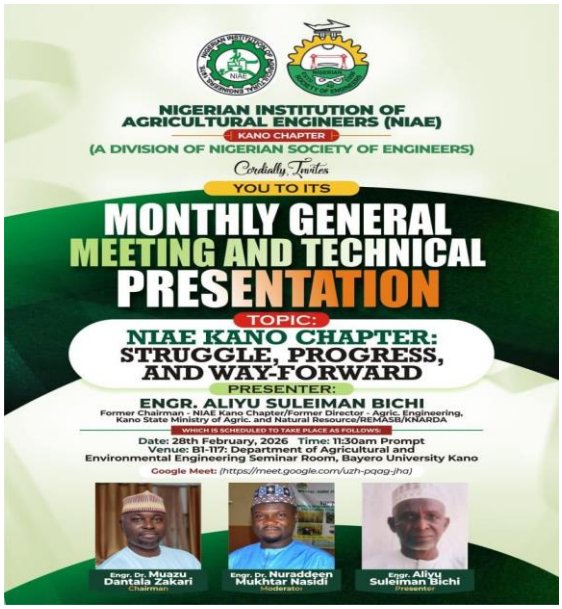
7 Ibrahim Dabo Salisu Publicity Secretary NGO

8 Nasir Haruna Dalhat Welfare Officer BUK

9 Engr. Muhammad Abdullahi Auditor HJRBDA

10 Engr. Dr. N.M. Nasidi Ex-Officio Member BUK.

Dignitaries during the inauguration of the chapter were Engr. Prof M. S. Abubakar National Vice Chairman who measure double as Northwest Regional Chairman, Engr. Prof M Maina, Engr. Prof. N. D. Dangora, Engr. Habib Imam.



The Chairman, Engr. Dr. Muazu Dantala Zakari, MNSE, MNIAE, on behalf of the EXCOs of the Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers, Kano Chapter, cordially invites members and the general public to the Monthly General Meeting (MGM) and Technical Presentation (TP) for February 2026; scheduled to hold as follows:

Date: Saturday, 28th February, 2026

Time: 11:30 am

Venue: B1-117: Department of Agricultural and Environmental Engineering Seminar Room, Faculty of Engineering, Bayero University, Kano.

Google Meet:

https://meet.google.com/uzh-pqag-jha

Topic: NIAE Kano Chapter: Struggle, Progress, and Way-Forward.

ABUJA CHAPTER OF NIAE GOT NEW EXCOs

The Abuja Chapter elected their new EXCOs after Engr. Adebayo Adedeji has finished his tenure with his team. The new EXCOs tenure would expire in 2028.



Members of the New EXCO:

i. Engr. Maruf Ajenifuja – Chairman

ii. Vice Chairman – (Vacant)

iii. Engr. Sarverun Mathias Akuma – Secretary

iv. Engr. Felix Olumide - Assistant Secretary

v. Engr. Rita Eze – Treasurer

vi. Engr. Zakariyahu Salihu – Financial Secretary

vii. Engr. Dr. Attah Benjamin – Public Relations Officer (PRO)

viii. Engr. Usman Yahaya Keane – Assistant Financial Secretary

ix. Engr. Augustine Makanjuola – Assistant PRO

x. Engr. Zinny Zinny – EXCO Member

ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVITATION FOR SOUTH WEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE



The Annual Regional Conference of the South West Zone of the Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers (NIAE) is here again! ⚙️🚀

Get ready for two impactful days of insightful discussions, professional networking, knowledge sharing, and innovative ideas that will shape the future of Agricultural Engineering in our region and beyond.

📅 Date: 13th – 14th July

📍 Venue: The Osun State University, Osogbo

This conference promises:

✅ Engaging technical sessions

✅ Paper presentations by seasoned professionals and researchers

✅ Opportunities to connect with academics, industry experts, and young engineers

✅ Exposure to emerging trends and innovations in Agricultural Engineering

Whether you are an academic, researcher, practitioner, student, or industry stakeholder, this is a conference you don't want to miss!

Register now:
https://forms.gle/mrJktPyUaJqXyynKA

Kindly see full details on the flyer and secure your spot early.

WABEN CHAIRMAN INAUGURATED

Women in Agriculture and Bioresource Engineering of Nigeria (WABEN) inaugurated the newly leadership after Engr. Prof Taiwo Kehinde finished her tenure as National Chairman. The newly EXCOs would remain in office till 2028. The 3rd National Chairman was contested

and won by Engr. Dr. Nneka Nwagugu of PRODA Enugu.

Members of the EXCOs are:

1. Engr. Dr. Nneka Nwagugu- National Chairman *(FNIAE, MNSE, MAPWEN, MWABEN, MASABE, R-COREN)*
2. Engr. Dr. Victoria Ada Abodenyi- National Vice Chairman *(MNIAE, MNSE, MWABEN, MAPWEN, MASABE, ISAE, R. COREN)*
3. Engr. Ezekiel Lydia Pam- General Secretary *(MNIAE, MAPWEN, MNIWE)*
4. Engr. Dr. (Mrs.) Asonye Gladys Uche- Publicity Secretary (*MNIAE, MNSE, MWABEN, MAPWEN, MASABE, MNIEE, R. COREN*)
5. Engr. Rotkangmwa Joel Sati- Assistant General Secretary *(MNIAE, MWABEN)*
6. Engr. S. J. Ayobamidele- Welfare Officer *(MNSE, MNIAE)*
7. Engr. Rachael Ijeoma Oghenemaero- Assistant Technical Secretary *(MNIAE)*
8. Engr. Abasiama James Akpan- Assistant Publicity Secretary
9. Engr. Prof Omotayo Adeteju Aregbesola- Treasurer (*MNIAE, MNSE, MWABEN, MAPWEN, MASABE, R. COREN*)
10. Engr. Dr. Ogbuagu Nneka J.- Technical Secretary *(MNIAE, MWABEN)*



NIAE STUDENT BODY WEBINAR

Immediately after the inauguration of the NIAE Student Body, they organized a webinar with a titled “The Science of Studying Smart for Better Academic Excellence”. It is well organized and attended by the both students and non-students.





NIAESB PHASE 1 WEBINAR SERIES

Theme: Academic Excellence and Professionalism

The Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers, Students' Body (NIAESB) is pleased to announce the commencement of its Phase 1 Webinar Series, designed to equip students with essential academic and professional skills.

This webinar series will focus on:

* Studying smart and effectively

* Internship placement and opportunities

* Positioning for global recognition

📜 Certificate of Participation will be issued to participants who meet the attendance requirements.

🔗 Register here: https://bit.ly/4rC9L7P

We encourage all Agricultural Engineering students to take advantage of this opportunity to learn, grow, and prepare for the future.