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COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 53RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE OF THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTION OF SURVEYORS HELD AT THE MULTI-PURPOSE SPORT HALL/COMMAND GUEST HOUSE, BAUCHI, BAUCHI STATE, BETWEEN 18TH AND 22ND JUNE, 2018

PREAMBLE:

The Nigerian Institution of Surveyors held her 53rd Annual General Meeting and Conference with the theme "Unlocking Nigeria's Land Capital: Surveying and Mapping for Economic Recovery" at Multi-Purpose Sports hall and Command Guest House, Bauchi between 18th and 22nd June, 2018. The AGM which was attended by Surveyors and their spouses, along with other professionals drawn from the 36 States of the Federation and Abuja considered several issues which are of utmost importance to the nation's economy.

The opening Ceremony which was held on the 19th June at the Multipurpose indoor sports Hall, Bauchi, had in attendance The Executive Governor of the State, His Excellency, Barr. Mohammed .A. Abubakar, who declared the conference opened; and a former Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Alhaji Yayale Ahmad, who gave the keynote address. In his speech, the former SGF, called on Surveyors to synergise with the Government using their skills, to bring lasting solutions to land related disputes in the country, including an end to farmers/herdsmen crisis. The Governor on his part, thanked the NIS for holding the event in Bauchi, and also promised to establish the office of the Surveyor General of Bauchi state to create a better relationship between the government and the people on land matters.

OBSERVATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

The conference observed the following:

- (i) That the role of the Surveyor in curbing the incessant security challenges faced in the country, from militancy, oil theft, herdsmen and farmers crises as well as insurgency cannot be overemphasised. Governments can partner with surveyors in mapping of inaccessible security risk areas, using remote sensing and surveillance techniques. Updated geo-database on land use and proper boundary delineation and demarcation of grazing reserves, forest reserves, ranches and others rooted in land and survey, would go a long way to minimise security challenges
- (ii) On Environmental Degradation and monitoring it was observed that Surveying and mapping techniques for regular mapping of forest reserves and the nation's shorelines in real time would help in monitoring our environment and prevent environmental degradation rather than relying on remediation. Regular mapping of shorelines is needful to avoid costly location of structures along the shore, and to assist with proper boundary delineation and demarcation, especially for riparian communities.
- (iii) On Water resource infrastructure management the conference resolved that Water resources infrastructures like dams and artificial reservoirs as well as other engineering facilities have the potentiality for multipurpose use, like hydroelectric power sources, irrigation and provision of potable water. Hence such structures should henceforth be monitored using geodetic and geospatial monitoring techniques. Government should

encourage research for investigating the potentials of irrigation dams for electricity generation and flood control.

- (iv) On Site Suitability Evaluation for harnessing Renewable/Alternative Energy sources it was determined that modern geospatial techniques and modeling are imperative for harnessing renewable energy resources such as Wind Energy, Solar energy e.t.c.
- (v) Emphasis was made on the role of Land Surveyors in proper land documentation through boundary, topographical and as-built surveys as important parameters in real estate development.
- (vi) Geospatial technology approach should be utilized in unlocking the potentials of land resources, considering that increase in population is not balanced by a corresponding increase in land mass.
- (vii) Updating Orthophotos used as base maps for charting is imperative and should be carried out every 10 years. Considering the tremendous changes that is taking place in the country.
- (viii) It is not enough to provide decision support for policy makers, but as producers of such, it is imperative for Surveyors to be part of the decision making process. Hence, it is mandatory for Surveyors to join the political process.
- (ix) The institution held election for her various executive positions and new set of officers emerged. The election was conducted using an innovative electronic system that enabled real-time results. This model can be copied for national elections.

The following Executive members were elected to run the affairs of the institution from 2018 to 2020

- 1 SURV. ALABO CHARLES D. CHARLES, fnis, fnmgs, mnape PRESIDENT
- 2 SURV. (DR) KAYODE OLUWAMOTEMI, fnis.....DEPUTY PRESIDENT
- 3 SURV. AKINLOYE O. OYEGBOLA, fnis.....EX-OFFICIO MEMBER
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- 5 SURV. P.C EZE, fnis.....VICE PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL
- 6 SURV. ABIODUN A. AKINDE, mnis.....SECRETARY GENERAL
- 7 SURV. (MRS) DUROJAIYE A. ADETOLA, fnis.....TREASURER
- 8 SURV. EMMANUEL EVBUOWAN, fnis.....FINANCIAL SECRETARY
- 9 SURV. CHRISTIAN C. OGILL, mnis.....ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL
- 10 SURV. ANDY N. NWIKINANE, mnis.....PUBLICITY SECRETARY
- 11 SURV. (ALH) KAZEEM K. AJIBIKE, fnis.....INTERNAL AUDITOR
- 12 SURV. EUGENE UDOCHI, mnis.....EX OFFICIO MEMBER

CONCLUSION

Considering the aforementioned recommendations based on the national issues enumerated above, the AGM believed that the Offices of the Surveyors-General of the States which have not yet been converted to extra-ministerial status to do so, as a matter of urgency, in order to aid the functionality, efficiency and prompt service delivery of geospatial infrastructure

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