

Inauguration of 2025 Boards, Committees: NSE President Emphasises Alignment with Strategic Agenda

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The President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Engr. Margaret Aina Oguntala, FNSE, has officially inaugurated the 2025 Boards and Committees, charging the Chairmen to prioritise actionable submissions that will guide the Executive Committee's decision-making. She further emphasised the importance of consistent reference to the NSE Strategic Agenda Document as a compass for achieving the Society's vision for national development.

Engr. Oguntala noted that the composition of the 2025 Boards and Committees is in full compliance with the provisions of the revised Memorandum and Articles of Association (2024).

She described the selection as strategic and a deliberate effort to leverage the immense wealth of experience

among members, thus enhancing the Society's capacity to achieve its goals and advance to new heights.

"I encourage all Chairmen of the Boards and Committees to make frequent reference to the NSE Strategic Agenda Document. This document has been and will continue to be our compass, guiding our strategies and ensuring alignment with the Society's vision for national development", Engr. Oguntala stated.

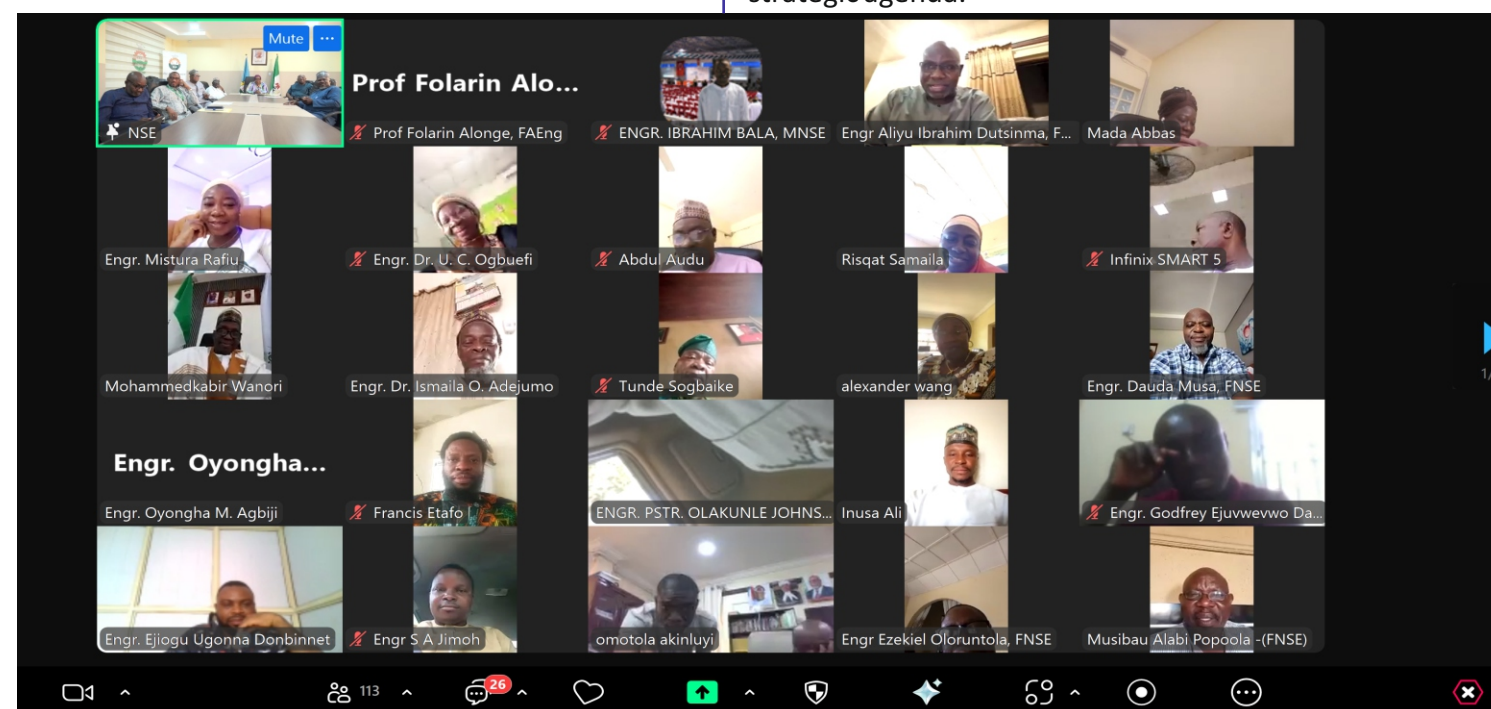
She highlighted the critical role of Boards and Committees within the Society, stating, *"They are the bedrock of proactive leadership, providing necessary frameworks and actionable blueprints to drive our objectives in a coherent and logical manner."* She added, *"We rely on you to continually assess and, when necessary, retool our ideas to ensure we promote good governance and make meaningful impacts on national development."*

She pointed out that a very key takeaway from the event was a reminder to all members of the importance of our financial responsibility to the Society. *"Our Society thrives on the support of its members and prompt payment of dues is a fundamental obligation that enables us to execute our programmes effectively. I therefore, urge all distinguished members of the Boards and Committees to ensure that they are up to date financially"*.

The President further said that the call was necessitated by the high number of members who have outstanding dues to pay saying *"I would like to implore all of us who are going to lead the Society from within the Committees to lead by example by paying your dues not later than the first week after this inauguration. This will encourage others to follow suit in fulfilling their financial commitments to the Society"*.

After the inauguration, the President gave room for remarks by selected Chairmen of a few Boards and Committees. Amongst those who spoke were Engr. Aliyu Ibrahim Dutsinma, FNSE, Vice President and Chairman, Membership Services Board, Past President Engr. Kashim Ali, FNSE, mni, Chairman, Election Committee, Engr. Kamila Wopa Maliki, FNSE, mni, Chairman, Board of Fellows, Engr. Kabiru Wanori, FNSE, Chairman, Regional Development Committee, Engr. Valerie Agberagba, FNSE, Chairman, International Relations Committee, Engr. Mutiu Odesanya, FNSE, Chairman, Conference Planning Committee, and Engr. Felix Nwankwo, FNSE, Chairman, Engineering Ethics, Diversity and Regulations Committee.

There was discernible correlation of purpose as the speakers made their remarks one after the other; showing appreciation for the opportunity to serve, giving assurances of performance by the boards and committees, promising adherence to the guiding Terms of Reference (ToRs) and pledging support for the Society's strategic agenda.



Members of the Committees on Zoom

The President charged the Board Chairmen to effectively organise their members, ensuring active and constructive participation in decision-making processes. She urged them to manage deliberations with a clear focus on the Society's overarching goals, ensuring discussions are aligned with achieving the primary objective of the Society.

Acknowledging current challenges, the President encouraged the use of Information Technology (IT) for efficiency and cost-effectiveness. *"In light of present-day challenges, I urge all Board and Committee Chairmen to take full advantage of IT resources at our disposal. Utilising online platforms for meetings will help reduce costs and mitigate the risks associated with physical travel, it is imperative that we adopt these cost-effective and efficient measures to support our operations"*.



Left, Deputy President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, Engr. Ali A. Rabi, FNSE, FAEng, MFR, Right the President of NSE.