



**THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF
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14TH EASTERN ZONAL DISTRICTS CONFERENCE
NELLY'S NEWTOWN HOTEL & SUITE, OBA-ONITSHA,
ANAMBRA STATE
JULY 29 -AUGUST 1, 2019

We humbly wish to request you to Register and attend the 14th Eastern Zonal Districts Conference, Holding at Nelly's Newtown Hotel and Suite, Oba-Onitsha, Anambra State from July 29th - August 1st, 2019.

Conference Theme - ACCOUNTANTS: NAVIGATING THE DIGITAL FUTURE

It has become very obvious that powerful digital tools that have been working in the background are now beginning to emerge and disrupt jobs and businesses with their presence permeating virtually all industries. At the technology level, we are seeing business analytics fusing with Artificial Intelligence (AI); ultra-fast fourth and fifth generation (4G/5G) mobile networks, and the mainstream adoption of Internet of Things (IoT) solutions especially in seamless data exchange. Besides, segments such as accounting and financial services are strong areas for interference by these key technologies since it is already replacing much of the tedious and labour-intensive work of mining and analyzing data. These low-end

services can be replaced entirely by self-service platforms or will become commoditized functions, especially as technology is already enabling accountants to tap directly into client data flow for accounting and audit purposes, among others. How will accountants cope with these changing core elements - technology, processes and business models? What will accountants do with the freed-up time as technology reduces time spent in bookkeeping and auditing? How will technology affect ethics and compliance in the future? These issues are the main thrust of this conference. The 14th Eastern Zonal Conference will be spiced up by participatory Technical Session after each paper. This will enable participants to gainfully involve in discussion of Conference papers and their valid inputs captured in the conference communiqué.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE CONFERENCE

In order to get value for money, the Eastern Zonal Districts Conference Planning Committee has sourced for seasoned experts to handle the various papers in offer during the Conference. These persons include:



Prof. Manny C. Aniebonam

Prof. Manny C. Aniebonam is the Founder and National President of the Nigerian IT Professionals in the Americas (NITPA), a U.S.-based organization

of diverse Information Technology practitioners in the Diaspora. He is also co-founder, President and CEO of The AfriHUB Group, a United States company, with offices in Nigeria focusing on corporate intervention in digital divide at African universities and government institutions.

A doctoral graduate of The George Washington University School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Prof. Manny Aniebonam has for many years been associated with several research-1 universities in the United States including the Computer Information Systems programs at The George Washington University and Howard University, both in Washington DC, USA. With professional background in Information and Communications Technology (ICT), and prior to pursuing a career in the academia,

Prof Manny Aniebonam had over twenty years experience working in Fortune 100 companies as an Information Systems Developer, Database Administrator, IT Consultant and Project Manager, with exceptionally expert knowledge of information systems development, deployment and support. As the president/CEO of AfriHUB LLC based in Fairfax VA, Prof Aniebonam oversees an ICT Park operation in Nigeria located at twenty five university campuses, with over 550 staff force, making great contributions in the areas of digital access, capacity building, infrastructure development and local content development. Past organizational affiliations include the World Bank, Mobil Oil Corporation, and the U.S Armed Forces (Department of Defense) DNA Identification Laboratory. His involvement with the IT industry developed him into a dynamic contributor in building of necessary bridges towards integral application of scholastic research findings to the development of database applications and Information Management Systems. To this end, Prof. Aniebonam's research interests include performance issues in distributed databases over Wide Area Networks, application of Information Systems methods to higher education, and ICT policy intervention towards global digital divide. Using his vast knowledge in ICT, professor Aniebonam has contributed to African development knowledge through professional and scientific conference presentations and workshops aimed at training academic workforce in Nigeria, Ghana, and South Africa. A long-time member of IEEE Computer Society, he was a

recipient of Softworks' Inc Service Award for Professional Excellence, a Mobil Oil Corporation's Award for Technical Excellence, and a 2001 DoD Eagle Award for development of application software used by the U.S Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) in response to September 11 2001 terrorist incident. Prof. Aniebonam's work in these and other areas of interest are published in several Information Technology refereed journals and proceedings.

○ Plenary One:

Technological Disruptions and the future of accounting

Resource Person: Prof Manny Aniebonam

The relentless parade of new technologies is unfolding on many fronts. Almost every advance is billed as a breakthrough and the list of 'next big things' grows ever longer. Not every emerging technology will alter the business or social landscape, but some truly do have the potential to disrupt the status quo, alter the way people live and work and rearrange value pools. It is therefore critical that business and policy leaders understand which technologies will matter to them and prepare accordingly. This paper will cut through the noise and identify the technologies that could drive truly massive economic transformations and disruptions in the accounting profession in the coming years. It will look at exactly how these technologies could change the financial world, as well as their benefits and challenges, and offer guidelines to help our leaders respond appropriately. The characteristics of future entrants into the accounting profession, the preparations, the future operating environment, impact of technology on ethics, compliance, et al and the readiness of the profession to manage this change will be highlighted in the closing thoughts of this presentation.

Prefacing Godwin Maduabughichi Odoemelam - Founder/CEO Proise Resource Limited



Godwin Madu is an enterprise resource & database administrator, digital entrepreneur, business content developer, with background knowledge in computer database and Financial Technology. His experience in deploying enterprise resource applications spans over 15 years with executed projects across different industrial sectors - Pharmaceutical, manufacturing, wholesale/retail, communication/broadcasting, auto assembly/repairs, grant management, legal services, construction/real estate, education/learning services, import/export to mention just a few. He is the founder of Proise Resources Limited an enterprise database resource and business content development company.

He is an active team player and has facilitated at different training modules on the "Automation of Financial Records using computer/technology based tools" with the enterprise Development Centre EDC Abuja, of the Pan African University. At some points, he executed and managed projects in a team setting with the Discovery Cycle Professionals - DCP (a consulting/professional group in Abuja, Nigeria) as it affects the deployment of business process management application with emphasis in accounting, finance, inventory/supply chain management as well as grant management using Sage 50, QuickBooks Accounting and 1C Enterprise.

He is focused on delivering dependable, flexible technology based solutions that breaths life to businesses as it counts only from a service perspective using both cloud and desktop hosting.

○ Plenary Two

Managing the changing landscapes in automated financial records

Resource Person: Godwin Madu Odoemelam

The accounting profession is on the edge of an evolutionary change propelled by increased client expectations, new regulations and on-going digital revolution. Technologies such as cloud computing is becoming mainstream and artificial intelligence is easing the administrative burden. All these have brought to the fore the urgent need for associated skills or capacities in areas such as technology literacy, relationship building, business advisory, cognate experience outside accounting and even project management. Legislation now requires that businesses take the digital route, for instance in processing tax returns online. The entire landscape is changing so fast that traditional training in accounting is no longer enough for the coming decades. This paper will evaluate how the accounting profession should respond to digital transformations through the creation of new business models and processes; driving innovation and revenue; and dealing with changing markets and industries. It will identify and recommend solutions to skill gaps. Finally, the paper will guide participants through the management of the end to end services that ICT delivers to the accounting profession using a combination of ITIL and SIAM Service Integration & Management, Service Oriented Architecture, etc.

Other Benefits of the conference include:

- Affordable Conference Fee – ~~N~~30,000 for ICAN Members and ~~N~~35,000 for NonICAN Members.

- Enjoy online real-time convenience of registering for the conference from the comfort of your home, using your PC, tab or your phone (logon to: www.ican.ezdconference.org.ng) or download the ICAN-EZD Conference App from Google play Store and follow the Registration Procedure
- You are entitled to 16 Hours Credit for Mandatory Continuing Professional Education (MCPE).
- Network with Seasoned Financial Experts
- Make Friends across the geo-political zone
- Valid contributions during Technical Sessions will be well articulated and included in the conference communiqué
- Enjoy the serenity of Nelly's Newtown Hotel and Suite, Oba-Onitsha, Anambra State.
- Excursion (tour) to Innoson Vehicle Manufacturing Plant, Newi
- Enjoy the benefits of adjoining hotels already negotiated by the Eastern Zone (See attachment).

CONFERENCE VENUE

The Conference venue is a perfect serenity with breathtaking views in a very secure and tranquil setting. Nelly's Newtown Hotel and Suites, Oba-Onitsha, Anambra State is 20 minutes drive from Asaba International Airport and 10 minutes drive from the centre of the Commercial city of Onitsha. The hotel features a restaurant, a bar, a gym, Laundry, 24hours WiFi internet access and uninterrupted power supply. The hotel has Forty Three (43) luxurious air conditioned rooms, each fitted with a flat screen TV, an ornamental rug,

gleaming floor tiles, a worktable and an en-suite bathroom. Guests can order a variety of delicacies at the restaurant, and soft and alcoholic drinks at the bar. The rooms and the dining sections are exquisite. Rooms have been secured at discounted rates for the convenience and relaxation of our members. The hotel houses a pool and a tennis court where guests can unwind during leisure hours. Airport and car hire services can be arranged. The hotel has onsite parking space and security personnel guard the premises.

Anambra State is arguably home to most number of millionaires in Africa, with an incredible innovative manufacturing hub located at the commercial city of Nnewi (15minutes drive from conference venue). Most notable is Innoson Vehicle Manufacturing Company Limited, Nnewi which has been chosen for excursion (tour) during the conference.

Consequently, It will be our pleasure to offer you the best planned zonal conference with a combined serenity offered by our conference venue located at No.1-6 nelly's avenue, along Nnewi new road Oba, Anambra (08171660918, 08069765477 nellysn Newtownhotel@yahoo.com)

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