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Scope of Presentation

- What is the Engineering Agenda?
- ◆Is there an Engineering Fraternity?
- Are there Common Challenges?
- ◆An African's Perspective?
- **♦FIDIC Efforts**
- FIDIC Challenges
- Final Thoughts



What is the Engineering Agenda?

- To Jointly Solve World Engineering Problems?
- ◆ To Attract Competent Engineers from Developing to Developed Nations?
- ◆To Retain Competent Engineers in Developing Countries?
- ◆ To Export Engineering Services from Rapidly Developing to Less Developed Economies?



Is There An Engineering Fraternity?

- Challenges of Reconciling Big, Medium & Large Firms
- Challenges of Reconciling Contractors, Consultants, Clients and Academics?
- Challenges of Reconciling Continental, National, Regional and Subregional Interests
- Challenges of Business Versus Profession



Are there Common Grounds?

- North America & Europe Are Upgrading Infrastructures
- Eastern Europe is Re-building?
- China, India & Brazil Are Growing Rapidly
- Africa Is Trying to Provide Basic Infrastructures
- Are There Common Grounds for Cooperation?



An African's Perspective?

- ◆ Africa Needs to Build Capacity through Training & Work Experience
- ◆Inadequate Capital & Procurement Practices Have Hindered Capacity Utilisation & Experience Gathering
- Consequently, the Consulting Industry Has Remained Underdeveloped & Uncompetitive
- Can One Really Cooperate When Weak & Dependent?



FIDIC Efforts

- ◆FIDIC Provides a Platform for World Consulting Engineers to Come Together to Address Issues
- Reaches Out to Other Engineering Associations to Create the Engineering Fraternity
- Encourages Best Business Practices Beginning of Standardisation?
- Recognises & Supports Special Interest Groups



FIDIC Challenges

- Significant Percentage of Stakeholders Not In FIDIC
- Work Experiencing Sharing Through Joint Ventures and Partnering Not Prevalent
- ◆Divergent Sectional Interests Still Difficult To Reconcile



Final Thoughts

- ◆What Global Engineering Policies Would Reconcile the Divergent Needs of Nations and Regions for Survival & Development?
- ◆What Global Policies Would Attract & Retain the Right Caliber of Personnel in Engineering?

◆THANK YOU