

OSGoF to Produce Maps with Geospatial Needs of all MDAs

The Office of the Surveyor General of the Federation (OSGoF) is to produce maps with geospatial needs for all the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of the Federal Government of Nigeria for proper planning and execution of projects and programmes of action.

This was disclosed by the Surveyor General of the Federation (SGoF), Surveyor Adeniran S. Taiwo while receiving officials of the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors (NIS) at OSGoF in Abuja.

The SGoF expressed delight over the amenability of the Minister for Works and Housing, Babatunde Fashola, *SAW* on the map-project who he said has deeper insight into the importance of geospatial data and information for planning and implementation of government projects. He added that the minister has been a great source of inspiration for OSGoF, and being its supervisory minister, OSGoF would ensure to give the best to the government and Nigerians.

Surveyor Taiwo explained that there would hardly be any meaningful implementation and execution of projects without geospatial data or information that would inform evidence-based decisions for proper planning before execution of projects.

He said geospatial maps for the MDAs would be of great value addition that would curb waste of scarce financial resource of the government pointing out that each MDA would be expected to abreast OSGoF with its geospatial needs based on its services and functions for the production of the maps.

Surveyor Taiwo commended the officials of NIS under the leadership of Surveyor Alabo C. D. Charles for its achievements so far urging them to support OSGoF in its drive to produce world-class survey contents for the Nigerian Government in order to speed up necessary development. He said OSGoF has no monopoly of knowledge and would definitely collaborate with various professionals to achieving its mandates.

He mentioned that the Federal Government was committed to issues of surveying and mapping, and that because of its relevance has made compulsory surveying activities before the construction of government building and facilities. He advised members of the public to ensure proper surveyor by experts before embarking on any construction project to avoid loss of lives and wastes of resources.

Earlier in his remarks, the NIS President, Surveyor Charles noted that the appointment and confirmation of Surveyor Taiwo as the SGoF was well-deserved in view of his passion for the profession and his contributions so far in the country.

He pledged the support of NIS and appealed to the SGoF to always ensure to carry all members of the profession along for the greater benefit of the country.

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