



## The Convention on Business Integrity

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We appreciate your interest and commitment to the organisation over the months, we thank you for your comments and various enquires concerning our organisation, we are sure that your comments will assist us to improve on our services.

### OUR ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH OF MAY



### SMEDEX PROJECT

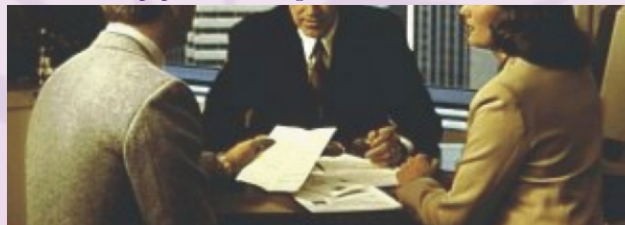
The exercise held on May 17th, 2005 at the Lagos Business School. The session had three SPAs- NGK, Vintage Global Solutions and Akin Omorodion & Co. in attendance as well as six SMEs: Neo-Reflex, Fortune Systems, Standard Interiors Decorators, Dugo Signature, Environmental Accord and Doshlaps Ventures. It was an eye-opener and interesting meeting for all those present. The SPAs did a review on the challenges they met on ground when they commenced work, such as no proper accounting system in place, no filing system, no proper book or record keeping processes. The SPAs discussed the state of the SMEs when they came on the job, the challenges they met on ground and how they have been able to address these issues.. They proffered some solutions which included introducing accounting software that would suit the purpose of each SME and working on their human resources policies, to make their systems more vibrant. The SMEs responded that there had been a turn around in their activities after the SPAs came on board. The next review session will be in July, 2005.

### Public Awareness for CBI

CBI's public relations campaign is geared towards making the organisation more visible. Our plan is to register the organisation in the minds of the people. We have contacted competent companies and they have made presentations to the management. We intend to shortlist three out of the six companies that made presentations for the final presentation, after which the company that meets and suits the culture fit of the organisation will be contacted for the job.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH OF JUNE

- Board Meeting - The next board meeting of the organisation has been slated for June 3rd. crucial issues concerning the organisation would be discussed, while new members will be welcomed on Board.
- Core-Group meeting- The Meeting of the Core-group members has been slated for June 17th, 2005.
- Smedex- The SPAs are expected to complete their assignments in June and their report would be sent to the organisation in preparation for the next review session that would come up in July.
- Signing Ceremony- The next signing ceremony comes up in July and it will feature a number of notable organizations.
- What is a Signing ceremony?-It is a public event where organizations declare their commitment to the values and standards of the convention as well as affirm their resolve not to engage in unethical practices.



### QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Character is doing the right thing when nobody's looking. There are too many people who think that the only thing that's right is to get by, and the only thing that's wrong is to get caught. ~J.C. Watts



### The Convention on Business Integrity

The Convention on Business Integrity was established to empower business transactions in and within Nigeria against corruption and corrupt practices. The vision is to move the society towards a visible zero tolerance for corruption. It is hoped that in time it will reposition the idea that Nigerian businesses are fraudulent and instead international relationships that can lead to meaningful exchange will be formed.

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