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Theme:

The role of Energy Professionals  
in optimizing the Midstream and  
Downstream Value Chain for  
Sustainable Growth in the Energy  
Industry

24th to 26th April, 2025

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## The role of Energy Professionals in optimizing the Midstream and Downstream Value Chain for Sustainable Growth in the Energy Industry

### Virtual Event (Short Courses):

24th - 25th April, 2025

⌚ 1:00PM - 5:00PM

### Hybrid Event: 26th April, 2025

⌚ 9:30AM - 4:00PM



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**Mr Olivier Houze**  
2025 SPE International President

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**Engr. Farouk Ahmed**  
The Chief Executive of the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA)

#### Host



**Sir Abiye Pedro**  
SPESIO3 Section Chair

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#### Special Guests of Honor



**Dr Riverson Oppong**  
SPE Africa Regional Director



**Engr. Amina Damadami, PhD**  
SPE Nigerian Council Chair

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**Dr. Olatunde Mosobalaje**  
Senior Lecturer, Covenant University  
Course Title: Artificial Intelligence and Process Automation for Operational Efficiency



**Engr. Chisom Njoku**  
Managing Consultant, Somit Integrated Services  
Course Title: Product Development and Start-Up Business Models for Energy Professionals



**Mr. Franklin Fidelis**  
Analyst, Arcadel Holdings Plc  
Course Title: Enhancing Refinery Process Efficiency with Aspen HYSYS



**Gloria Ayodeji-Fapohunda**  
Industrial Hygiene and HSE Specialist, TotalEnergies  
Course Title: Safety and Environmental Management in the Energy Industry

#### Breakout Session Speakers



**Mr. Sepribo N. Bobmanuel**  
Process Engineer, Dangote Refinery & Petrochemicals  
Title: Roadmap for Refined Crude Oil Pricing and Supply: Challenges and Strategic Solutions



**Mr. Vincent Chukwudi Ndu**  
CNG Operations Supervisor, Powergas Nigeria  
Title: Developing a Sustainable CNG Ecosystem in Nigeria: Strategies for Safe, Reliable and Affordable Fuel Solutions



**Ezeoma Raymond**  
Metering Engineer, TotalEnergies  
Title: Digital Transformation in Nigeria's Oil Sector: Enhancing Fiscal Metering through Technology

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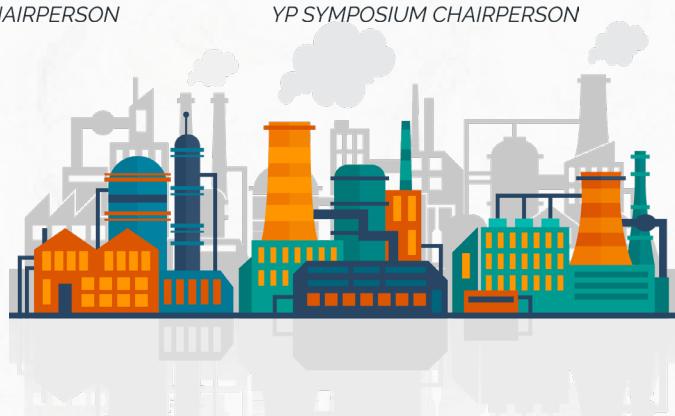
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# PROGRAM OF EVENT

Period / Time (Day/hrs)	Programme	Session Management	Resource Person
DAY 1 & 2 (24th -25th April)	1:00 PM Opening Remarks		2025 YP Symposium Chairperson - JOSHUA ATTE
	1:05 PM Safety Moment		Safety Personnel
	1:10 PM <b>Short Courses:</b> 1) Product Development and Start-Up Business Models for Energy Professionals 2) Artificial Intelligence and Process Automation for Operational Efficiency 3) Enhancing Refinery Process Efficiency with Aspen HYSYS 4) Safety and Environmental Management in the Energy Industry	1) Edwin Joe 2) David Udoesen 3) Abasiofon Moses 4) Adenike Adetunmbi	<b>Course Facilitators:</b> 1) Engr. Chisom Njoku 2) Dr. Olatunde Mosobalaje 3) Mr Franklin Fidelis 4) Gloria Ayodeji-Fapohunda
	5:00 PM Closing Remarks		SPES103 YP Chairperson - EMMANUELLA AGBO
DAY 3 (26th April)	9:30 AM <b>Opening Session:</b> Safety Moment Recognition of invited Dignitaries	MC	Safety Personnel VIPs - Council (chair, vice, members), section directors, board members, etc.
	9:35 AM National Anthem		
	9:40 AM Welcome Address		SPE Section 103 - Sir. Abiye I. Pedro
	9:45 AM Opening Remarks		SPE Nigerian Council Chairperson - Engr. Amina Danmadami
	9:55 AM Goodwill Message		SPE African Regional Director - Dr. Riverson Oppong
	10:00 AM <b>Music Interlude</b>		
	10:05 AM <b>Keynote Address</b>	MC	SPE International President - Mr. Olivier Houze
	10:20 AM Industry Remark	MC	The Authority Chief Executive - Engr. Farouk Ahmed
	10:30 AM <b>Music Interlude</b>		
	10:35 AM <b>Panel Session:</b> <i>The role of Energy Professionals in optimizing the Midstream and Downstream Value Chain for Sustainable Growth in the Energy Industry</i>	Panel Session Moderator	1) Mrs. Mojisola Iyamabo 2) Mr. Austin Ogbogbo 3) Prof. Joseph Ajenka 4) Sir Bennett Brown 5) Dr. Toyin Odutola (Moderator)
	11:30 AM <b>Ice Breaker (Pop Quiz)</b>		
	11:35 AM <b>Energy Challenge:</b> <i>"Entrepreneurial Innovations Driving the Advancement of the Energy Industry"</i>	MC	Energy Challenge Judges 1) Dr. Jude Osimobi 2) Binta Ibrahim 3) Dr. Pringle Egbe
	12:10 PM <b>Lunch Break</b>		
	1:10 PM <b>Music Interlude</b>		
	1:15 PM <b>Debate Session:</b> <i>Biggest Roadblock to the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Value Chain: Regulatory Framework or Infrastructure</i>	MC	Debate Judges 1) Judith George 2) Isioma Agbadiba 3) Mr. Chukwuma Onwufuru
	1:45 PM <b>Music Interlude</b>		
	1:50 PM <b>Breakout Session:</b> 1) Roadmap for Refined Crude Oil Pricing and Supply: Challenges and Strategic Solutions 2) Developing a Sustainable CNG Ecosystem in Nigeria: Strategies for Safe, Reliable and Affordable Fuel Solutions 3) Digital Transformation in Nigeria's Oil Sector: Enhancing Fiscal Metering through Technology	1) John Victory 2) Aniekeme Edet 3) Okonkwo Matthew	1) Mr. Sepribo Nelson Bobmanuel 2) Mr. Vincent Chukwudi Ndu 3) Mr. Ezeoma Raymond
	2:45 PM <b>Music Interlude</b>		
	2:50 PM <b>Career Fair:</b> 1) Career Talk/Job fair 2) Sponsors Remarks	MC	Workforce Group and Geoplex for Career/Job Fair Company Reps give sponsors remarks
	3:40 PM <b>Wrap Up:</b> Group Photograph Gift Voucher Presentation for Debate Participants Certificate Issuing to Committee Members	MC	All
	4:00 PM <b>Closing Session:</b> Closing remark, vote of thanks	MC	Closing Remark - Emmanuela Agbo (YP Chairperson) Vote of Thanks - Joshua Atte (YP Symposium Chairperson)



# SYNOPSIS OF EVENT

In the complex and evolving landscape of the energy industry, optimizing the midstream and downstream value chain has become essential for sustaining growth, enhancing efficiency, and meeting global energy needs responsibly. The energy sector's midstream and downstream operations are critical touchpoints that influence everything from energy accessibility and affordability, to environmental impact and economic stability.

This year, we spotlight the role of energy professionals in advancing these value chains, with a focus on integrating sustainable practices and innovative technologies to meet the industry's dynamic challenges. As young professionals in this space, we must address key questions: How can we enhance operational efficiency and reduce environmental impacts across these critical stages? What innovations can drive better resource management, process optimization, and environmental stewardship?

Our symposium will bring together young professionals, industry experts, and thought leaders to explore solutions that ensure a resilient, sustainable future for the energy sector. Discussions will delve into the technologies, strategies, and collaborative approaches that can transform midstream and downstream operations, securing the industry's role in a sustainable global energy ecosystem. Together, we hope to inspire the next wave of innovations for a cleaner, more sustainable, and economically robust energy future.





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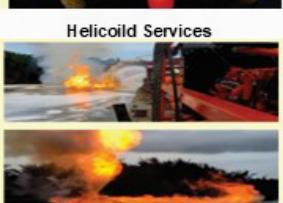
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<b>PROCUREMENT:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ OCTG (Casing, Tubing, Pup Joints, Stove Pipe)</li> <li>▪ Wellhead</li> <li>▪ Drill bits</li> <li>▪ Screens &amp; Blanks, etc.</li> <li>▪ Casing Accessories</li> </ul>	<b>LOGISTICS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Haulage</li> <li>▪ Hilux with Escorts</li> <li>▪ Tanker &amp; Flatbed</li> <li>▪ Crane &amp; Forklift</li> <li>▪ Self-Loader</li> </ul>	<b>FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project Financing</li> <li>▪ Project Budgeting</li> <li>▪ Well Cost Monitoring</li> <li>▪ Well Cost Reduction</li> </ul>
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# Keynote Speaker

Olivier Houzé is the co-founder and managing director of KAPPA. After four years as a well test field engineer with Flopetrol (SLB), he co-founded KAPPA in 1987. He was the original author of Saphir, now the industry standard software in pressure transient analysis, and has served as KAPPA managing director since 1991. Houzé has been involved in many SPE summits, forums, and workshops. He coauthored one SPE and one SPEE monographs. He was an SPE Distinguished Lecturer in 2013 and served on the SPE Board as the Technical Director for Reservoir from 2012 to 2015. He was the recipient of the 2019 SPE Lester C. Uren Award and a 2022 SPE Honorary Award. He holds an engineering degree from Ecole Polytechnique (1982) and an MSc in petroleum engineering from Stanford University (1983).



**Mr Olivier Houze**  
*SPEi President*





**Sir Abiye Pedro**  
*SPES103 Section Chair*

# Host

Sir Abiye Iyalla Pedro is the Chairman of the 2024/2025 Board of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), Port Harcourt Section. He is an Assistant Manager of Project Construction at Ondo Energy Resources Nigeria Limited. Sir Pedro's career began as a drilling engineer with Nigeria Agip Oil Company, where he contributed to the design and construction of HPHT, deviated, extended reach, and ultra-deep wells in the Niger Delta Basin, working in both land and swamp environments. He is also recognized for his expertise in project construction and energy economics. He holds a bachelor's degree in Chemical/Petrochemical Engineering from Rivers State University of Science and Technology, a Master's in Oil & Gas Engineering from Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, and a Master's in Economic Management & Policy from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. Sir Pedro is a COREN-certified engineer. Fluent in Kalabari-Ijo and English, he also has a working knowledge of Italian. He is married with two children.



# SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOR & INDUSTRY REMARK PRESENTER



## Engr. Farouk Ahmed

*The Chief Executive of the Nigerian Midstream  
and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority  
(NMDPRA)*



# Special Guests of Honour



## Dr Riverson Oppong

*SPE Africa Regional Director*

With decades of Global experience across the value chain in the oil & gas, and energy industry, Dr. Oppong is currently the CEO/ Industrial Coordinator of the Chamber of Oil Marketing Companies (COMAC), Ghana. He is also an Adjunct Lecturer at Ghana Technology University College, a Coventry University Campus in Africa; and a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Cape Coast (UCC) and Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA). He is an E&P Committee Member of the International Gas Union (IGU), and also the Africa Regional Director of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), and a serving Board Director of SPE International.

Dr. Oppong is an experienced Oil and Gas Business Analyst with solid technical and commercial knowledge in oil and gas field development planning and portfolio management. He is heavily involved in the day-to-day interpretation of value creation potential for oil and gas businesses. His strengths include being diligent, innovative, and technology-driven. Dr. Oppong holds a Ph.D. and a Post Doctorate Degree in International Oil and Gas Management - Finance and Economics from Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas, a Diploma in Earth Geoscience from Stanford University, USA, a Master's (with honors) in Petroleum Engineering from Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas, a Masters Exchange Program in Arctic Development from Norwegian University of Nordland, a Bachelor's degree in Materials (Industrial) Science and Engineering from K.N.U.S.T., Ghana, and a Diploma in Project Management from Institute of Commercial Management, UK.

Dr. Oppong has played an active role in Ghana's Energy Sector Recovery Program; a



program that gave birth to the Cash Waterfall Mechanism, Natural Gas Clearinghouse, and P4R. He worked tirelessly to ensure that the objectives of these programs were holistically achieved. Dr. Oppong equally sat on Ghana's National Energy Transition Technical Committee, where he contributed to writing policy documents to address Ghana's energy transition roadmap. He also played a dynamic role in the review of Ghana's Gas Master Plan (GMP) and Natural Gas Pricing Policy (NGPP). Furthermore, Dr. Oppong played a salient role in the determination of the Weighted Cost of Delivered Gas Prices (WCODG) in Ghana's Energy Sector, while he sat on national committees of Gas Price Negotiations with Upstream Players, and accordingly Gas Sales Agreements.

Prior to joining Ghana National Gas Company in 2020, Dr. Oppong had worked on several oil and gas fields and projects, including North Busachi Fields in Kazakhstan, Independence Field in Cote d'Ivoire, Djata Fields in Ghana, and West Quarna2 Gas Field in Iraq. He also consulted for the Croatian Government on the Croatian LNG Project as a Project Economist.

Dr. Oppong has lectured in several universities across Europe, Canada, and Australia, and has been a conference panelist at numerous Conferences across the globe in the past seven years.

His immense contribution to international conferences cannot be overlooked as he has made presentations under ATCE 2016, UAE; IPTC 2016, Thailand; OTC 2016, Canada; WPC 2017, Turkey; PC.LCC 2018, 2021 & 2022, Ghana; EMW 2018 and 2019, Poland; AOG 2019, South Africa; WPC-YP Summit 2019, Russia; ASEC 2020, Croatia; SAIPEC 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024, Nigeria; GES 2022, Canada; NAICE YPW 2022, Nigeria; GH-BICE 2022, Ghana; WGC 2022, South Korea; GhipCon 2022, Ghana; ALNGW 2023, Tanzania; NIEC 2023, Namibia; NAICE 2023, Nigeria; WPC 2023, Canada; ATCE 2024, USA; FEC 2024, Ghana; NAICE 2024, Nigeria; AEW 2024, South Africa, among others, with numerous published papers and articles. He is also the author of three books. As of June 2022, Dr. Oppong had over 500 citations in articles, thesis, and books.

It is worth mentioning that Dr. Riverson has won several international awards, medals, and recognitions: the most recent being the recognition by "Gurus and Prospects" Magazine – GAP, as one of the "TOP 10 Energy Thought Leaders in Africa and Diaspora"; and his induction into the SPE International Century Club as a lifetime Society member. Other awards in previous years include: 2023 SPE Regional Management Award, 2022 "Rising Star" – Ghana Energy Awards; 2022 SPE Regional Distinguished Service Award; 2020 SPE Regional Young Member Outstanding Service Award; and 2020 Presidential Millennium Excellence Award, Oil and Gas – Youth Category. Dr. Oppong won the best PhD. Research (Globally) in 2016 in Poland at the East Meets West SPE Conference.





## Engr. Amina Danmadami

*SPE Nigerian Council Chair*

Amina Mohammed Danmadami, a Chemical Engineer with Nigerian Midstream Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA) has over two decades of cognate experience in Banking and Engineering (engineering designs, technical reviews, policy formulation, advocacy, programme implementation, project management, monitoring, regulation and evaluation). She started her career as a Banker; having worked in all sections particularly Risk Analysis, moved to join DPR, the then regulatory arm of the Nigerian Petroleum Sector. Amina is the first female Council Chair, Society of Petroleum Engineers, Nigeria Council. She is also a Member of Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers (NSChE), Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), and Nigerian Association for Energy Economics (NAEE). Passionate about evidence-based regulation, loves solving puzzles and is actively involved in charity. She is a member of Victims of Violence Foundation Abuja. She is married with children.COREN.



# Panelists



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# Joseph Atubokiki Ajienka

*Professor of Petroleum engineering & University Administrator*

Joseph Atubokiki Ajienka is Emmanuel Egbogah Chair/Professor of Petroleum Engineering and University Administrator. He is a Fellow of several professional bodies and the Nigerian Academy of Engineering. He has authored /co-authored over 260 publications and received 5 patents; delivered over 100 lectures/presentations, developed/co-developed 6 software applications; founded/co-founded Startups, Research Institutes and Centres, and attracted over 10 national and international research grants. He pioneered the development of entrepreneurial university in Nigeria. He was awarded Honorary Degree of the IFP School, Paris (2017).

Professor Ajienka, was the 7th Vice-Chancellor (2010-2015) of the University of Port Harcourt. He was the pioneer Director of the Institute of Petroleum Studies (2003-2010), an international collaborative graduate school between the University of Port Harcourt and the IFP School Paris in partnership with NNPC/TOTAL Joint Venture, the first example of a Triple Helix institution. He was Head of the Department of Petroleum Engineering (1995-1997); Member Governing Board of African Virtual University (AVU) Kenya (2013-2015). In 2014/2015, he was Chairman, Committee of Vice-Chancellors (CVC) of Federal Universities and Chairman Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU) and represented CVC on the NYSC National Governing Board.

He was a member of the Board of the National

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He is a member Board of Trustees of the Nigerian Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), member, SPE Africa Regional Advisory Board and chairman Board of Trustees of the Nigerian Institution of Petroleum Engineers. He is the chairman of the Technical Board of NEDDI Nnewi of NASENI; Director of PetroNet-Africa and Vice-Chairman Emmanuel Egbogah Foundation.

Professor Ajienka is married to Dr (Mrs.) Mercy Finelady Ajienka and the marriage is blessed with three children and four grandchildren.





**Mojisolola Iyamabo**  
*Gas Consultant, and  
Fmr. Associate VP, Gas  
Business, Heirs Energies*



Mojisola Iyamabo is a seasoned gas consultant with extensive experience in Nigeria's oil and gas industry. Most recently, she served as Associate Vice President, Gas Business at Heirs Energies, where she had P&L responsibility for the company's Energy Sector Gas Business, spanning Upstream, Midstream, and Downstream operations.

Before joining Heirs Energies, Moji was the Head of Gas Commercial at Eroton Exploration and Production Company Limited. In this capacity, she led the organization's commercial and business development activities for its gas business. Prior to Eroton, she worked at Axxela Group as Head of Regional Gas Business Development, a position she assumed following eight years at Oando Plc, where she was responsible for Corporate Finance and Business Development.

Earlier in her career, Moji gained experience in investment banking at Renaissance Securities Nigeria Limited, audit and assurance services at KPMG Professional Services, and the non-profit sector at the Foundation for Democracy in Africa.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Management & Accounting from Obafemi Awolowo University (2002) and an MBA in Finance & Strategic Management from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (2008).

Moji is also a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (FCA).



**Mr. Austin  
Ogbogbo**  
*Asset Manager, Gas Supply  
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Austin has over three decades of working experience; two and half decades in the Oil and Gas Industry and five years in the financial services industry with Functional Leadership experience of over two decades in the oil and gas industry cutting across Finance, Commercial, Insurance, Production and Corporate Planning – this involves developing strategic initiatives and making exceptional positive impact in the industry and economy at large.

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**Sir. Bennett  
Brown**  
*Asst. Director & Head  
Operations, NMDPRA*



Sir Bennett Brown is a public servant with over 20 years of experience in the Nigerian public sector. As an Electrical and Electronics Engineer by Profession, Sir Bennett has utilized his technical expertise to drive regulatory excellence in the Oil and Gas Industry.

Sir Bennett Brown is currently an Assistant Director and Head of Operations at the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA) in Port Harcourt. Starting as a young regulatory officer, Sir Bennett has consistently demonstrated his dedication to the Downstream sector, growing through the ranks to his current leadership position.

Throughout his career, Sir Bennett has played a pivotal role in shaping the regulatory landscape of the Oil and Gas Industry in Nigeria. His experience, technical expertise, and leadership acumen make him a respected figure in the industry. Sir Bennett's commitment to excellence has earned him a reputation as a seasoned regulator, dedicated to ensuring the safe and efficient operation of the Downstream sector.



**Dr. Toyin Odutola**  
*Assistant Director,  
Emerald Energy Institute.*



Dr. Toyin Olabisi Odutola is an Associate Professor at the Department of Petroleum and Gas Engineering and the Assistant Director at Emerald Energy Institute, University of Port Harcourt (UNIPORT). She holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, a master's degree in petroleum engineering from the African University of Science and Technology (AUST) and a doctorate in petroleum engineering from UNIPORT. She is trained in Flow Assurance at the Center for Hydrate Research at the Colorado School of Mines, USA. She designed and fabricated Nigeria's first hydrate flow loop, and her work was featured by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in 2022. She has three patents, a published monograph and several peer-reviewed papers in reputable journals. She was a visiting scholar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA, in 2020. She is a fellow of the MIT Empowering the Teachers Programme (MIT-ETT), USA and a fellow of the Nigeria Science Leadership Programme (N-SLP). Dr Odutola is a registered engineer with the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), she is a corporate member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) and Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers (NSChe). Dr Odutola has received several awards, the most recent of which is the 2024 SPE Africa Regional Distinguished Achievement Award for Petroleum Engineering Faculty Award.



# Breakout Session Speakers



## Mr. Sepribo N. Bobmanuel

Process Engineer, Dangote Refinery & Petrochemicals

**Title: Roadmap for Refined Crude Oil Pricing and Supply: Challenges and Strategic Solutions**



## Mr. Vincent Chukwudi Ndu

CNG Operations Supervisor, Powergas Nigeria

**Title: Developing a Sustainable CNG Ecosystem in Nigeria: Strategies for Safe, Reliable and Affordable Fuel Solutions**



## Ezeoma Raymond

Metering Engineer, TotalEnergies

**Title: Digital Transformation in Nigeria's Oil Sector: Enhancing Fiscal Metering through Technology**

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**Mr. Sepribo N.  
Bobmanuel***Process Engineer, Dangote  
Refinery & Petrochemicals.*

Bobmanuel Sepribo Nelson is a versatile professional with a wealth of expertise in process engineering, podcasting, and voice artistry. He is a Process Engineer at Dangote Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemicals, FZE, where he played a critical role in commissioning the largest single-train crude distillation unit. Building on this achievement, he advanced to commission the Residual Fluid Catalytic Cracking (RFCC) unit, where he is now specialized and continues to develop his expertise in refining and petrochemical processes. In addition to his engineering accomplishments, Bobmanuel is the creator and host of #TheVoiceMemoWithBob on Spotify, where he shares thought-provoking discussions and reflections on life. His skills as a compere and voice-over artist allow him to connect with audiences in impactful and engaging ways.

A graduate of Rivers State University of Science and Technology with a Bachelor of Technology in Chemical/Petrochemical Engineering, Bobmanuel holds multiple certifications from Honeywell UOP in Process Safety Management, Refining Process Fundamentals, Oil & Gas Reservoirs, and Environmental Issues & Pollution Control. During his early career, Bobmanuel was recognized as the most outstanding engineer trainee at Dangote Petroleum Refinery, earning the first-ever award of its kind in the organization. He has also excelled as a Management Trainee at EzWash & Dry and as a Mathematics/Further Mathematics teacher in leading schools.

With a passion for learning and creativity, Bobmanuel continues to refine his technical expertise and artistic endeavors, bridging innovation and inspiration across his professional and creative pursuits.

**Mr. Vincent  
Chukwudi Ndu***CNG Operations Supervisor,  
Powergas Nigeria*

Vincent is a clean energy enthusiast and a goal driven individual who has demonstrated adeptness in strategic planning. Ndu Vincent C. specialises in Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Operations. His vast knowledge and experience span across the operation and installation of various CNG equipment, troubleshooting, identifying, and resolving technical issues in the industry and also pushing for collaborative efforts with other teams to achieve set goals and projects. He is keen about CNG utilisation and the future it holds for Nigeria.

He is the operations supervisor, Power Gas Ebedei Limited, where he contributes to leadership development, technical support, and overall growth of the organisation. In the course of his career, he has led and is also a member of various teams in the organisation, which includes the operations team, emergency response team, technical team, commissioning team, and others. He has been



part of projects that birthed 3 CNG mother stations and several daughter stations across Nigeria. He holds multidisciplinary training and certifications in the oil and gas sector, project management, health & safety, amongst others. He holds an HND in Food Technology and also an OND in Mechanical Engineering, all from Federal Polytechnic Nekede Owerri. He is an avid listener and one who believes that with the proper mentoring, self-motivation, and inspiration, greatness can be achieved.



**Engr. Ezeoma  
Raymond**  
*Metering Engineer,  
TotalEnergies*

Raymond Ezeoma has a natural inclination towards technology, and embarked on a career path that blended his passion for engineering and computing. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, followed by a Master's degree in Intelligent Control and Instrumentation Engineering. These qualifications form the bedrock of his career, giving him a combination of skills in both IT and engineering.

Currently, Raymond works as a Metering (Flow Measurement) Engineer, where he utilizes his expertise in control and instrumentation to contribute to the optimization of flow measurement systems' performance. His role ensures the reliability and accuracy of deployed metering technologies at TotalEnergies EP Nigeria Limited.

In addition to his professional work, Raymond is deeply interested in the latest advancements in flow measurement, IT, and Artificial Intelligence. He is committed to staying updated on the developments in these fields, continuously broadening his knowledge to remain at the forefront of innovation.

His paper, "Model Predictive Control of Autonomous Vehicles to Enhance Driving Performance and Safety" is published on the IUP Journal of Electrical & Electronics Engineering.





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**Dr. Olatunde Mosobalaje**

Senior Lecturer, Covenant University

**Course Title: Artificial Intelligence and Process Automation for Operational Efficiency**



**Engr. Chisom Njoku**

Managing Consultant, Somit Integrated Services

**Course Title: Product Development and Start-Up Business Models for Energy Professionals**



**Mr. Franklin Fidelis**

Analyst, Aradel Holdings Plc

**Course Title: Enhancing Refinery Process Efficiency with Aspen HYSYS**



**Gloria Ayodeji-Fapohunda**

Industrial Hygiene and HSE Specialist,  
TotalEnergies

**Course Title: Safety and Environmental Management in the Energy Industry**

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## Dr. Olatunde Mosobalaje

*Senior Lecturer, Covenant  
University*

Dr. Olatunde Mosobalaje is a faculty member at the Petroleum Engineering Department of Covenant University, where he is currently promoting digital innovations in engineering education. He is a member of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE), and the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE). His commitment to knowledge transfer is unmistakable as it manifest in his ongoing projects aiming at enhancing petroleum engineering curriculum with digital and data analytics contents. In 2023, he was part of a team that designed and published a module on introducing Python coding to petroleum engineering undergraduates – an award-winning effort. Most recently, he played a significant role in a team that developed an integrated framework for the integration of data analytics and machine learning into the petroleum engineering curriculum. He recently founded and is coordinating the Petroleum Data Analytics Special Interest Group (PDA\_SIG) of students and young professionals. In teaching, Dr. Mosobalaje adopts a balanced blend of analogical reasoning, concept visualization, field application and workflow coding as a pedagogy style. His research interest is in engineering education, as well as in the deployment of data analytics and machine learning tools to petroleum engineering applications. In a modest way, his research undertakings have produced content-assessment-pedagogy alignment of innovative curriculum ideas, and extended the functionality of some existing geostatistical routines. As a testimonial of his pursuit of excellence in teaching, he received the Dean's award as the best teacher in the department. He also received the Best Paper award in an international conference featuring over 100 authors from 17 countries, and a bronze medal in another. Notably, Dr. Mosobalaje just got accepted into the 2025 Spring Cohort of the prestigious 'Empowering-the-Teachers' (ETT) fellowship, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).





**Mr. Chisom Njoku**  
*Managing Consultant,  
Somit Integrated Services*

Chisom Njoku is a trained engineer, innovative entrepreneur, and seasoned consultant. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering and a Master of Science degree with Distinction in Information and Telecommunications Engineering, both from the University of Port Harcourt.

Engr. Njoku has over 8 years of certified skills in ICT, Software as a Service, SaaS and Digital Marketing. He is the visionary Founder and Managing Consultant of Somit Integrated Services, a fast-growing digital media and advertisement consultancy company which he started as a university undergraduate.

His expertise has been sought after by esteemed organizations such as the World Bank Africa Centre of Excellence, University of Port Harcourt, Baker Hughes, UNICEF WASH Project, and a good number of corporate entities. During the COVID, he led a vibrant team that assisted companies and institutions in e-learning digitisations and e-documentations of their operations for flexibility and smooth integration of remote work.

Chisom is a well experienced Sales Coach and Brand Innovator, He has empowered individuals and businesses to achieve exceptional growth through B2B solutions, high-level training and hands-on workshops. His dedication to excellence and innovative spirit have earned him recognition within the industry.

He is also a devoted family man, happily married to Anita and blessed with a son, Tobechukwu.



**Mr. Franklin Fidelis**  
*Analyst, Aradel Holdings Plc.*

Franklin Fidelis is a young and vibrant professional with a deep passion for the energy industry. He currently works at Aradel Refineries Limited as an Analyst, where he provides analytical support to refinery operations and the process engineering team. With over four years of experience spanning quality control, refinery operations, and process engineering, Franklin has developed strong expertise in process simulation and plant design, which he leverages to drive performance improvements and operational optimization within refinery systems.

Franklin has consistently demonstrated a keen interest in process optimization, with significant contributions to projects such as Crude Distillation Unit (CDU) optimization, Water-box cooler retrofit, fuel gas optimization, etc. His professional journey has seen him work extensively with Aspen HYSYS, a tool he has mastered and for which he holds an official certification as a Certified Aspen HYSYS User. He's also Certified and proficient in the use of AutoCAD 2D and P&ID for plant design.

Beyond his technical contributions, Franklin is actively involved in research and knowledge-sharing. He is currently preparing to present at the SPE NAICE 2025 conference, where his work focuses on leveraging process simulation technology to enhance modular refinery performance.



Committed to continuous learning and professional growth, Franklin is presently pursuing an M.Sc. in Process Engineering at ACE-CEFOR, University of Port Harcourt. His drive for excellence is fueled by a strong belief in innovation, lifelong learning, and the transformative power of technology in the energy sector.

An advocate for personal and professional development, Franklin is particularly passionate about the intersection of technology and engineering, recognizing its pivotal role in shaping the future of the industry. He is also fond of encouraging young engineers to develop proficiency in engineering software tools, recognizing that tech skills have become essential for boosting employability and staying relevant in today's competitive job market.



**Gloria Ayodeji-Fapohunda**  
*Industrial Hygiene and HSE Specialist, TotalEnergies*

Gloria Ayodeji-Fapohunda is a seasoned professional with over 20 years of experience in occupational health and safety, spanning across construction, maritime and energy sectors. Her areas of expertise include risk management, construction safety, ergonomics, contractor health and safety management and competency development. She has developed and implemented effective occupational health and safety programs with more recent focus on Industrial Hygiene.

She holds a Master's degree in Exploration Geophysics from the University of Benin, Nigeria and a Master's degree in Occupational Health, Safety and Environmental Management from the University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom. Her research interest is in exploring innovative strategies for exposure control and mitigating chemical toxicity. She aims to empower workers and individuals to adopt healthier lifestyles, reduce disease risk and promote well-being.

She currently provides Industrial Hygiene services to TotalEnergies JV Assets in Nigeria, overseeing the development and implementation of a robust industrial hygiene program and collaborating with cross-functional teams to achieve operational excellence and sustainable results.





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