

APPENDIX E – REPORT OF THE WORKSHOP ON SYDNEY ACCORD AND DUBLIN ACCORD APPLICATION BY NIGERIA

REPORT ON ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON THE SYDNEY ACCORD (SA) AND DUBLIN ACCORD (DA) APPLICATION BY NIGERIA

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), in line with its mandate to promote and regulate engineering practice and education in Nigeria, organized a one-day workshop on the Application for the Sydney and Dublin Accords by Nigeria. The workshop was aimed at sensitizing stakeholders on the requirements, processes, and benefits of attaining signatory status to the International Engineering Alliance (IEA) Accords, particularly the SA and DA Accords, which focus on engineering technologists and technicians respectively.

The workshop was held on Sunday, 19th October, 2025 at Engineering Accreditation Committee, (EAC) Office, 21/23 14 Road, Off 1st Avenue, Gwarinpa, Abuja.

The event was organized by the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) with support from National Board for Technical Education (NBTE).

2.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

The main objectives of the workshop were to:

1. Create awareness among engineering education stakeholders on the standards and requirements of the Sydney and Dublin Accords.
2. Assess Nigeria's readiness for application and membership of these accords.
3. Identify the gaps within Nigeria's engineering education and accreditation systems.
4. Develop a roadmap for Nigeria's formal application to the SA and DA Accords.
5. Strengthen collaboration among stakeholders toward global recognition of Nigerian engineering technologists and technicians.

3.0 ATTENDANCE

Participants were drawn from universities, polytechnics, and technical colleges across Nigeria. The workshop recorded forty-one (41) participants, including COREN President and Registrar, Executive Secretary (ES), NBTE, Head of Engineering institutions, Representatives from NBTE, COHTECH, COREN Secretariat Staff, Supporting Staff, Members of Media and programme of activities. **See Appendix I, II & III**

4.0 OPENING SESSION

The workshop commenced with an opening prayer, followed by workshop orientation and a welcome address by the President of COREN, who highlighted the importance of international recognition for Nigeria's engineering qualifications. He stated that after achieving provisional signatory status to the Washington Accord (WA) in 2023, Nigeria's next strategic goal is to extend similar recognition to its technologist and technician cadres through the Sydney and Dublin Accords.

In his goodwill message, the Representative of the Executive Secretary (ES) of NBTE commended COREN for taking proactive steps to ensure Nigerian engineering qualifications meet global standards. He emphasized the Federal Government's commitment to supporting initiatives that promote quality technical education and professional excellence.

5.0 TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS

Several technical papers were presented during the workshop, including:

- i. overview of the Sydney and Dublin Accords: Definitions, requirements, and benefits.
- ii. Nigeria's Accreditation Framework and the Outcome-Based Education (OBE) System: Alignment with international standards.
- iii. Gap Analysis of Nigerian Technologist and Technician Programmes: Identified areas requiring improvement in curriculum, infrastructure, and quality assurance.
- iv. Lessons from the Washington Accord Journey: Steps Nigeria can replicate for successful application.

Resource persons from COREN-EAC, Engr. Prof. Christian Bolu and invited experts from Board of Engineers Malaysia (BEM), Prof. Megat J. Megat provided detailed guidance on the documentation, institutional readiness, and peer-review processes required by the International Engineering Alliance (IEA).

6.0 INTERACTION SESSION

Participants were given time to deliberate on critical aspects of the application process. The following key findings emerged:

- i. There is inadequate alignment between existing technologist and technician curricula and the outcome-based education model required under the SA and DA.
- ii. There is need for capacity building among accreditation evaluators and academic staff on OBE principles.
- iii. The necessity of stronger policy support and funding to implement required improvements.
- iv. There is need for more advocacy to HEIs management.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

At the end of deliberations, the workshop recommended the following actions:

1. COREN should develop and adopt national accreditation manuals tailored to the requirements of the SA and DA.
2. Capacity-building programmes should be conducted for evaluators, lecturers, and institutional administrators on OBE and international accreditation standards.
3. The Federal and State Governments should prioritize funding for upgrading laboratories and workshops in technical and polytechnic institutions.
4. Pilot accreditation exercises should be carried out in selected institutions to test compliance levels.
5. Strengthen collaboration with international partners and existing signatory countries for mentorship and benchmarking.
6. Establish a clear roadmap and timeline for Nigeria's formal application, including periodic self-assessment reports.

8.0 CLOSING SESSION

In the closing session, the Registrar of COREN expressed appreciation to all participants for their contributions and reaffirmed COREN's commitment to achieving Full Signatory Status for Nigeria under the SA and DA. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks and group photographs. See **Appendix IV**.

9.0 CONCLUSION

The one-day workshop on the SA and DA application by Nigeria was successful in sensitizing stakeholders and charting a clear pathway for Nigeria's participation in the international engineering education community. With sustained commitment, collaboration, and resource support, Nigeria is poised to achieve global recognition for its technologists and technicians in line with the standards of the International Engineering Alliance (EA).

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Table 3: Programme of Activities

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PROGRAMME FOR WORKSHOP ON SYDNEY ACCORD AND DUBLIN ACCORD APPLICATION BY NIGERIA (UNDER JOINT EFFORT OF COREN AND NBTE SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER, 2025)

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FACILITATORS (2): Engr. Baba El-Yakub and Engr. A.D.K Muhammad

PARTICIPANTS (28): Nomination Rectors of Polytechnics (6)

NBTE Nominees (6)

NBTE Leadership (4)

COREN Nominees (8)

COREN Leadership (4)

Objectives:

1. Expose the participants to the requirements of SA and DA membership
2. Expose the application procedure, process and critical timelines
3. Orient the participants towards the implementation of SA and DA requirements

Expected Outcomes

1. Requirements to join SA and DA
2. Application Procedure and Process
3. Roadmap including components of implementation, milestones and timelines
4. Identification of Strategic partners
5. Strategies for advocacy and sensitization

DATE: Sunday, 19th October, 2025

Venue: Office, 21/23/14 Road, Off 1st Avenue, Gwarinpa, Abuja

Training Workshop Session

Time	Activities
13:00 hrs	Arrival of participants and trainers
13: 20 – 13:25 hrs	Workshop Orientation by Engr. Prof. Baba El-Yakub
13:25 – 13:30 hrs	Welcome address by President COREN
13:30 - 13:35 hrs	Opening remarks by ES, NBTE
13:35 – 14:04 hrs	Requirements to join SA and DA Engr. Prof. Nasir M, Khan, PEC
14:04 – 15:00 hrs	Application Procedure and Process for SA and DA by Prof. Megat J. Megat, BEM
15:00 – 15:30 hrs	Interaction/Discussion guided by Engr. Prof. Baba El-Yakub
15:30 - 16:15 hrs	Tea Break
16:15 - 17:00 hrs	Roadmap including components of implementation, milestones, and timelines by Prof. Megat J. Megat
17:00 - 17:30 hrs	Identification of Strategic partners and strategy for advocacy by Engr. Prof. Christian Bolu
17:30 - 18:00 hrs	Interaction/Discussion guided by Engr. A.D.K. Muhammad
18:00 – 18:10 hrs	Response/Contributions from participants
18:10 – 18:20 hrs	Summary and Takeaways to be led by President COREN
18:20 – 18:25 hrs	Appreciation by Registrar, COREN
18:25 - 18:30 hrs	Closing Remarks by Engr. S. M. Yusuf NBTE
18:25 – 18:30 hrs	Closing

Photographs during the workshop



President of COREN, Registrar and Executive Secretary, NBTE



Technical Session by Prof. Megat Johari of BEM



Technical Session by Engr. Prof. Christian Bolu, FNSE, Chairman EAC

