The CASLE conference in collaboration with the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors (NIS) The Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS) and the Nigerian Institute of Estate Surveyors & Valuers (NIESV) took place at the NAF Conference Centre, Kado District, Abuja, Nigeria from 21st to 23rd April 2016. The theme was ‘Sustainability of the Surveying Professions & National Development in the 21st Century’.

Members of the Local Organising Committee would like to thank Surv. Mr Olumide Adewebi and the members of the Local Organising Committee for all the work that they put in to making the event such a great success.

CASLE was represented at the conference by Mr Joseph Olusegun Ajanlekoko, CASLE President, Mr James Dadson, CASLE Africa Region President, Surv Bern Omo Akhigbe, CASLE Vice President (West Africa) and Dr Patrick Manu, member of the CASLE Task Force.

Dr Patrick Manu, Senior Lecturer in Construction Project Management, UWE, Mr Joseph Olusegun Ajanlekoko, CASLE President
Mr James Dadson CASLE Africa Region President
Thirty two abstracts were received by the Review panel and 18 excellent papers were selected for the workshops, which also included the Urbanisation Research Nigeria Programme undertaken by Robin Bloch and Nikolaos Papachristodoulou.

We would like to thank Dr Patrick Manu and the Review Panel for all the hard work that went into the rigorous selection process. The papers were divided under the following four workshop headings, Property, Construction, Urban Management and Land Surveying & Management. The following keynote presentations were also included in the programme:

Professor Paul Olomolaiye, Pro Vice Chancellor & Executive Dean, University of the West of England, ‘Sustainable Education for the Surveying Profession in sub-Saharan Africa’
Dr Patrick Manu, Senior Lecturer, University of the West of England, ‘Advancing Professional Ethics within the Built Environment’
Mr Benjamin Manu, RICS Regional Manager, West Africa, ‘Embracing International Standards’
Mr Gasant Jacobs, Tax & Accounting (Government) Business Unit, Thomson Reuters, ‘Big Data & Technology: The Impact of the Surveying Profession’

The Dean’s UWE-CASLE Scholarships 2016
Four scholarships of £2500 each (sponsored by UWE) were available at the conference to registered and paid-up participants of the CASLE 2016 conference in Abuja. The scholarships which are merit-based are available for 2016-17 academic year only for the following UWE programmes:

- CASLE Strategy & Workplan MSc Construction Project Management
- MSc Quantity Surveying
- MSc Building Information Modelling (BIM) in Design Construction and Operations
- MSc Building Surveying
- MSc Urban Planning

Details of these programmes are available from http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduatecourses.aspx

Mr Gasant Jacobs, Head of Business Development in Sub-Sahara Africa for Thomson Reuters’ Tax & Accounting (Government) business unit receiving a gift from CASLE President Mr Joseph Olusegun Ajanlekoko
The Gala Conference Dinner
On behalf of Thomson Reuters Mr Gasant Jacobs presented an iPad mini to the owner of the first card drawn out of the hat

CASLE Strategy & Workplan
The CASLE Strategy and Work Plan under the heading ‘2020 Vision’ is now on the CASLE website www.casle.org

Improving Communication
We have received a few responses to our request for contact details of someone in a permanent role within your organisation to receive and disseminate information on behalf of CASLE. We would be grateful if more member organisations could provide this information.

CASLE Research Collaboration
The RICS Ghana Research Project report ‘An Evaluation of Property Valuation Practice in sub-Saharan Africa: A Case Study of Ghana’ is now available online at www.rics.org/ghanavaluation

‘Influencing Improvement in Ethical Practices: Perceptions of Built Environment Surveying Professionals’
The initial CASLE/UWE Research project which was undertaken by Dr Patrick Manu and Mr Tony Westcott to investigate the reasons behind areas of possible concern was extended and the results were discussed at the CASLE conference in Abuja.

International Land Measurement Standards Coalition
Members of the CASLE Management Board unanimously supported an invitation to join the above coalition. There are 21 members of the coalition at present. Dr Kwasi Baffour Awuah has agreed to represent CASLE at the first ILMS Coalition meeting which is scheduled to take place at the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations HQ in Rome, Italy on the 9th and 10th June 2016.

CASLE is also a member of the International Property Measurement Standards Coalition (IPMSC), International Construction Measurement Standards Coalition (ICMSC), and the International Ethics Standards Coalition (IESC).

CASLE Regional News
Baroness Patricia Scotland, the former UK Attorney General was elected as the 6th Secretary General of the Commonwealth to succeed Mr Kamalesh Sharma of India and took office on the 1st April 2016.

CASLE Task Force
The Secretary General and members of the CASLE Task Force recently held meetings with members of BEPIC (Built Environment Professions in the Commonwealth) and also with members of CHOBE (Council of Heads of the Built Environment) to discuss how we can collaborate in the future. Mr Max Crofts and Mrs Angela Crofts represented CASLE at a Commonwealth Day reception in the presence of HM The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at Marlborough House on the evening of Monday 14th March 2016.

Habitat Professional Forum
Mr Brian Waldy is the CASLE representative and has been involved in online discussions in respect of Habitat III, a major global summit conference to be held in Quito, Ecuador from 17th to 20th October 2016. The United Nations
called for the conference to ‘re-invigorate’ the global political commitment to the sustainable development of towns, cities and other human settlements, both rural and urban. The outcome of the re-invigoration along with pledges and new obligations is being referred to as the ‘New Urban Agenda’ and will set a new global strategy around urbanisation for the next two decades.

Commonwealth Secretariat
Mr Brian Waldy has accepted an invitation to represent CASLE at a Round Table meeting of accredited organisations in the Wren Room at Marlborough House from 14.00 to 16.00 on 1st June 2016. The topics under discussion will be as follows:

- How the Commonwealth Family can engage with broader civil society in the run up to a UK based CHOGM,
- How to ensure Southern civil society have adequate space to engage with CHOGM, and
- How the Commonwealth Family can more effectively collaborate towards shared goals at CHOGM.

Annual Subscriptions
We recently sent out the subscription renewal notices and we included details of ‘TransferWise’ with all the overseas invoices where different currencies are involved. We hope that where appropriate this will make the payment of annual subscriptions easier and cheaper to remit. There are also other methods of money transfer, i.e. ‘BACs payments’, ‘Money Corp’, ‘Western Union’, ‘HiFX’ and PayPal to name a few.

CASLE Membership
CASLE embraces three distinct but kindred disciplines: surveying and mapping, land economy, and quantity surveying including cost control.

There are four levels of membership:
1. Professional Societies, member associations as approved by the CASLE Management Board.
2. Group Associate members: for more than 20 potential appropriately qualified Associate Members e.g. universities, groups in countries where organised professional bodies do not exist.
3. Individual Associate membership – for appropriately qualified associate members, and correspondents.
4. Corporate Membership: Surveying companies, surveying equipment companies

Forthcoming Events - TBC
We are discussing the following:
- a collaborative ‘Road-show’ on construction issues to be held in four locations: - Accra Ghana, Abuja Nigeria, Nairobi, Kenya and South Africa in 2016/2017
- a collaborative event on ‘Land issues’ and ‘Big data’ in Nairobi, Kenya in 2016/2017
- a collaborative event on ‘The Blue Economy’ in the Caribbean Region in 2017/2018

Sustainability of the Surveying Professions & National Development in the 21st Century
The proceedings from the following workshops are available to download at www.casle.org

Workshop 1 – Property
1. A resilient cities network for Nigeria.
   Adamu Ahmed, Michael Mutter, Tony Lloyd-Jones, Simon Gusah, Samuel Adenekan and Nick Leffler.
2. Using social housing as a means of development in the developing nation.
   Wasiu Akuosola.
3. Framing affordable housing governance for the Nigerian markets.
   AbdulLateef Olanrewaju, Paul E. Anavhe and Hamimah Adnan
4. Effective facilities management of residential properties: a literature review
   Chioma Okoro, Nnennaya Awoyokun and Innocent Musonda

Workshop 2 – Construction
1. The Implementation and assessment of distributed leadership in UAE construction.
   Hamad AlShamisi, Ezekiel Chinyio, David Oloke and Sabah Mushatat
   Andrew Ebekozien, Angeline Ngozika Chibuike Nwaole, Dominic Saviour Okechukwu Duru.
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Rabiu Olatunbosun Ojeniyi.
5. Impact of public procurement reforms on project delivery in south western Nigeria.
Olayemi Mary Oye and O. Babalola.
6. Integration of formal risk management approach into procurement rules towards a sustainable highway infrastructure in Nigeria.
Rasheed A. Salawu and Fadhlin Abdullah.

Workshop 3 – Urban Management
1. Improving urban management in Nigeria.
Michael Mutter, Tony Lloyd-Jones, Adamu Ahmed, Simon Gusah, Samuel Adenekan and Nick Leffler.
2. Equitable and sustainable considerations in peri-urban land management in Ghana.
James E.K. Dadson.
Augustine Chukwuma Emeribeole.
4. Urbanisation Research Nigeria Programme
Robin Bloch and Nikolaos Papachristodoulou

Workshop 4 – Land Surveying and Management
1. The effects of increase in land-in-dispute in eastern part of Nigeria.
Augustus U. S. Didigwu and Philomena Uchenna Didigwu.
2. Land disputes: surveyor as an expert witness in court.
Olufemi Ayoade Olunlade.
3. Assessment of the impacts of land use/land cover and climate change in the south eastern geopolitical region of Nigeria for a sustainable national development.
Augustine C. Emeribeole and Chima J. Iheaturu.
4. Development control: A Panacea to manmade disasters in residential neighbourhood.
Akinlabi Adejare and Victor Ige.
5. An evaluation of geometric data acquisition using LandSAT Imagery.
Oluibukun G. Ajayi, Yusuf D. Opaluwa, Quadri A. Adejare, Joseph O. Odumosu, Nanpon Zitta and Ekundayo A. Adesina

We would greatly appreciate details of forthcoming events, news items, photographs and anecdotes for the next E-newsletter, to be sent to the Secretary General, Mrs Susan Spedding. Email: susan.spedding@uwe.ac.uk

Please see the CASLE website for further information: www.casle.org
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