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**NIGERIAN PROFESSIONALS TO RECEIVE FREE LEARNING AT THE BIG 5 CONSTRUCT NIGERIA**

*More than 20 certified workshops will be offered at Nigeria’s largest construction event from 9 to 11 September, at the Landmark Centre in Lagos..*

**Lagos**: **The country’s most extensive, free educational program for construction professionals will be launched at Nigeria’s largest industry event next month at the Landmark Centre in Lagos.**

From 9 to 11 September, the first edition of [The Big 5 Construct Nigeria](https://www.thebig5constructnigeria.com/?utm_source=Website&utm_medium=Newsroom&utm_campaign=Big5Nigeria_Education_PressRelease&utm_content=&utm_term=) will feature more than 20 complimentary and CPD-certified workshops covering project management, technology, sustainability, affordable housing, and architecture themes. The Project Management sessions will also provide PDU points to attending PMI credential holders.

The topnotch line-up of speakers includes some of Nigeria’s major thought leaders and renowned construction experts, like Lookman Oshodi, the Project Director at Arctic Infrastructure, James O. Obakpolor, from the Social Development Department of the Ministry of Budget & National Planning in Abuja, Debo Adejana, CEO of Reality Point Ltd and Vice President of the Nigeria-British Chamber Of Commerce Construction, Dr. Erimona Edorodion Oye, Honourable Commissioner at the Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development of the Edo State, and Dr. Olajumoke Akiode, CEO of the Center for Ethics and Sustainable Development (CESD).

“We are extremely proud to open our exhibition’s doors to all industry stakeholders and provide the largest free and certified education agenda for construction professionals Nigeria has ever hosted,” said **Portfolio Event Director at dmg events, Muhammed Kazi**.

“As we aim to support the expanding requirements of the promising local construction sector, we trust the event will go a long way in serving Nigeria’s strategic development goals, providing top quality knowledge to the local community,” he added.

Tackling one of the most pressing issues in the industry, the **Senior Architect for Lagos State Ministry of Works and Infrastructure, Taiwo Aiyepe**, will conduct a workshop on "Building collapse in Lagos, the Architect's place", at The Big 5 Construct Nigeria.

According to him, there are a host of causes behind the collapse of buildings in Nigeria, including incompetence, the use of substandard materials, inadequate design, physical failure, and natural disasters. “By attending my presentation at The Big 5 Construct Nigeria, industry professionals and the general public will unlearn obsolete practices and will finally learn a few tips towards a paradigm shift to address the issue of building collapses,” said Aiyepe.

[[Read the full interview with Taiwo Aiyepe, Senior Architect for Lagos State Ministry of Works and Infrastructure](https://press.thebig5constructnigeria.com/speaker-talks-taiwo-aiyepe)]

Affordable housing will also be a major topic debated at the event’s educational sessions. The **Creative Director at Lisa Interiors, Polola Oladipo**, who will conduct a workshop on "Addressing affordable housing and architecture in Nigeria", said: “Nigeria has a low home ownership rate, lower than that of Indonesia, Kenya, and South Africa.

“Some of the major factors that affect affordable housing in Nigeria include constraints related to the high cost of securing and registering land title, low financing, slow and complex administrative processes, and then high cost of land.

“By attending my presentation at The Big 5 Construct Nigeria, industry professionals will learn to adopt a holistic approach to housing affordability, implying community thinking and adequate infrastructure, taking into account economic, social, environmental and cultural sustainability. This strategic thinking needs to be championed by construction leaders who engage all stakeholders to be part of the affordable housing solution,” she concluded.

[[Read the full interview with Polola Oladipo, Creative Director at Lisa Interiors](https://press.thebig5constructnigeria.com/speaker-talks-polola-oladipo)]

Two workshops will also focus on Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) and their growing role in Nigeria’s construction and infrastructure industry. According to **Kehinde Mosugu, the Project Manager at Konkritek Limited**, it is a must for Nigeria to adopt and implement project management best practices in identifying, designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining all PPP projects so as to guarantee infrastructure service benefits and satisfaction on the final end-users- the citizens.

[[Read the full interview to Kehinde Mosugu, Project Manager at Konkritek Limited](https://press.thebig5constructnigeria.com/speaker-talks-kehinde-mosugu)]

Technology will also take centre stage at The Big 5 Construct Nigeria’s education agenda. **Babatunde Odunlami, the Geomatics Engineer at China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation Nigeria Limited** will present a workshop on "Mapping technology and sustainable development".

“The full potential of mapping and geospatial technology is yet to be harnessed in the Nigerian construction industry but the good news is its adoption and implementation is growing at a steady rate,” Odunlami said.

“The Geospatial Industry Outlook and Readiness Index 2018 ranked Nigeria 39th in 50 countries that were assessed for their geospatial readiness. At my presentation, industry professionals will learn how the effective application of mapping and geospatial technology can provide basis for proper planning and decision making process, reduce cost, as well as mitigate construction waste generation thereby promoting a sustainable development in the construction industry,” he added.

[[Read the full interview with Babatunde Odunlami, Geomatics Engineer at China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation Nigeria Limited](https://press.thebig5constructnigeria.com/speaker-talks-babatunde-odunlami)]

The latest technologies for the building and infrastructure sectors from around the globe will all be on display at The Big 5 Construct Nigeria. Over 100 local and international companies will present, in fact, their most innovative products to over 5,000 Nigerian industry professionals who are expected to visit the show.

Confirmed brands include regional and global leaders like **Palfinger, Cibes Lift, KELM, ABB, Philips, Crane, Eurotray, Tata, Hilti, and Magna Tyres**.

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The Big 5 Construct Nigeria, organised by dmg events in cooperation with OCCW Nigeria, is officially supported by the Nigerian Institute of Architects, the Nigerian Society of Engineers, the Surveyors Council of Nigeria, the African Association of Interior Designers, the OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Association), the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners, and the African Sustainable Energy Association (AFSEA).

To know more, visit [www.thebig5constructnigeria.com](https://www.thebig5constructnigeria.com/?utm_source=Website&utm_medium=Newsroom&utm_campaign=Big5Nigeria_Education_PressRelease&utm_content=&utm_term=).

The full education agenda of The Big 5 Construct Nigeria is available [HERE](https://www.thebig5constructnigeria.com/free-education/2019-agenda/2019-agenda/?utm_source=Website&utm_medium=Newsroom&utm_campaign=Big5Nigeria_Education_PressRelease&utm_content=&utm_term=).

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**ABOUT THE BIG 5 CONSTRUCT NIGERIA**

*9-11 September 2019 - Landmark Centre, Lagos*

The Big 5 Construct Nigeria introduces the international construction brand “The Big 5” to Nigeria’s largest city: Lagos.

New development plans are creating huge demand for international suppliers to bring their products and technologies to Nigeria. Organised by dmg events, The Big 5 Construct Nigeria responds to such demand. Gathering exhibitors from around the globe, it displays hundreds of construction products and innovative solutions.

Alongside the international and domestic exhibitors, the event offers free-to-attend CPD workshops and seminars to update attendees on the latest industry innovations, best practices and practical ideas.

Other features include specialized zones that enable visitors to rapidly find the products they are looking for, live demonstrations and plenty of opportunities to network with industry peers.

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