

The Town Planners Registration Council of Nigeria  
(TOPREC) Presents **2017 Mandatory Continuing Professional Planning  
Education Programme (MCPPEP)**.

It is scheduled as follows:

**First Leg**

**Theme: "Insurgency, Security and Urban Safety in Nigeria"**

**Date:** Wednesday 5th - Thursday 6th April, 2017

**Venue:** NUT Endwell Conference Hotel, Mogadishu City Centre, Kaduna

**Time:** 9:00 am daily.

**Second Leg**

**Theme: "Insurgency, Security and Urban Safety in Nigeria"**

**Date:** Thursday 7th - Friday 8th September, 2017

**Venue:** The Amphitheatre, Rivers State University of Sci. &  
Tech, Nkpolu -Oroworukwo, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

**Time:** 9:00 am daily.

Registration fee: **₦** 25,000 for Town Planners, **₦** 30,000 for Non Town Planner.



**PRESS CONFERENCE BY PROFESSOR LAYI EGUNJOBI, PRESIDENT, TOWN PLANNERS REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA (TOPREC) ON THE RISKS OF THE ON-GOING RESETTLEMENT OF THE VICTIMS OF THE BOKO HARAM INSURGENCY IN ADAMAWA, BORNO AND YOBE STATES BY FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS WITHOUT A MASTER PLAN TO GUIDE THE PROCESS**

Gentlemen of the Press,

On behalf of the TOPREC I welcome you all to this Press Conference.

We are all living witnesses to the massive destruction of lives and properties perpetuated by the Boko Haram Insurgents on our brothers and sisters in the towns and villages in most parts of Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States. Evidently, thousands of Nigerians living in the affected areas had been killed; the economy of the affected towns and villages in particular had been substantially destroyed; and some basic social and economic infrastructure had been lost or damaged. The social structures of the affected towns and villages in the three states would have been fatally compromised.

A large percentage of affected people are now living as refugees or as Internally Displaced People (IDPs) within or outside their states; while the psychological effects of the insurgency on the affected people will mostly likely generate considerable Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) among them.

Credible reports by observers, Newspapers and donor agencies, on the planning, management and distribution of relief materials in the IDP camps show clearly that the process is grossly inadequate and lacking of the required level of transparency and professionalism. Similarly, the on-going resettlement projects in the states are essentially top-down without the involvement of the affected communities and the participation of professional such as Town Planners and allied professionals. These, among others, are the factors responsible for the mounting humanitarian crises in the IDP Camps in particular and in the resettlement areas. Sadly, the situation is so bad that children are dying of malnutrition while other social vices such as sex for food by desperate women, have become rampant in the IDP camps.

We are equally concerned about the actions of the Federal and the affected States Governments which indicate that they appear to have embarked on large scale resettlement of the IDPs in their original towns and villages. The absence of planning has deprived the exercise of the opportunity of creating more liveable, resilient, integrated, connected and socially inclusive neighbourhoods.



The preparation of a detailed Master Plan for the Redevelopment of the affected areas, ahead of the actual resettlement, will facilitate the generation of critical data on all aspects of the socioeconomic life of the affected people ahead of the actual resettlement.

Such a Plan will normally include the following:

- i. An assessment of the human settlement patterns (pre-insurgency and post-insurgency) of urban and rural settlements in the three affected states;
- ii. A determination of the socio-economic characteristics of the people in the affected parts of the region, and their predominant means of livelihood prior to the Insurgency;
- iii. A determination of the types and number, functionality and adequacy of physical infrastructure (schools, health facilities, roads, houses and utilities) available in the affected areas;
- iv. An analysis of the types and extent of destruction of welfare and investment properties of citizens together and their livelihoods in the affected areas;
- v. A determination of the state of the economic activities of the residents of the affected areas;
- vi. A determination of the number of people with various medical and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and associated factors of the insurgency among the IDPs and refugees; and
- vii. A socio-economic, physical infrastructure and psychological rehabilitation Needs Assessment to guide future provision;

The Master Plan will also contain detailed proposals on the following:

- i. Physical Redevelopment plan for the socio-economic revival of the affected towns and villages;
- ii. Reintegration Programme for men/insurgents;
- iii. Redevelopment and economic stimulation Plans for the affected towns and villages;
- iv. Pilot projects including economic empowerment for women and Youth in the affected regions;
- v. Programme for raising awareness on the redevelopment needs of the affected region among Nigerians and International Community;
- vi. Capacity Development Programme, with focus on spatial analysis and project definition, for the technical and professional staff (Town Planners, Architect, Engineers etc.) in the public sector of the affected states to understand the needs and demands for plan formulation and implementation; and
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You may wish to know that due to the socio-economic, spatial, psychological, cultural as well as technological dimensions of the rehabilitation project, TOPREC had at its disposal assemblage of a variety of professionals and experts to lead in collaboration to address the multidisciplinary issue.

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As Town Planners, history has shown that the success of a resettlement exercise is hinged on the extent to which the affected people are directly involved in its planning, execution and imbuing in them a sense of ownership of the project. It also tends to facilitate a much faster healing process for the members of such communities. We are also convinced this bottom-up and stakeholder driven process should be predicated on the preparation of a comprehensive Master Plan, which will serve as bases for implementation and monitoring and evaluation of progress.

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## TOPREC PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 2017

MONTH	DATE	PROGRAMME	LOCATION
<b>January</b>	Sunday 01 <sup>st</sup>	New Year Celebration	National Holiday
	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Principal Officers Meeting	Abuja
		Council Meeting	Abuja
<b>February</b>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	National Colloquium (Theme: Town Planners and their Image)	Abuja
<b>March</b>	Mon. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holiday	National Holiday
<b>April</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Aprils	TOPREC Mandatory Continuing Professional Planning Practice Education Programme (MCPPEP)	Kaduna
	Wed. 26 <sup>th</sup> – Thur. 27 <sup>th</sup>	NITP (MCPDP)	Awka Anambra State
<b>May</b>	01	Workers' Day	National Holiday
	Wed. 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Thur. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	NITP (MCPDP)	Oshogbo Osun State
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Democracy Day	National Holiday
<b>June</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> – Thur. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Ed-el-Fitr	National Holiday
	Wed. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Thur. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	NITP (MCPDP)	Katsina

<b>July</b>			
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	Abuja
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting	Abuja
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Registration	Abuja
		Induction Ceremony & Orientation Workshop	Abuja
<b>August</b>	Thur. 17 <sup>th</sup>	NITP Management Meeting	Abuja
<b>September</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eid-el-Kabir	National Holiday
	6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	TOPREC Mandatory Continuing Professional Planning Practice Education Programme (MCPPEP)	Port Harcourt
<b>October</b>	01 <sup>st</sup>	Independence Day	National Holiday
	Tue. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Habitat Day	
	Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	NITP AGM	Yenogoa, Bayelsa State
<b>November</b>	Wed. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Town Planners Day	All State Chapters
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Planning Practice Examination (PPPE)	Kaduna, Ibadan & Owerri Centres
		PPPE Oral Interview (Bawa Bwari House) Abuja	
<b>December</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Holidays	National Holiday

**NOTE:** Accreditation/Advisory Visitations are usually jointly arranged with concerned institution.



## MEMO

FROM TOPREC:

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TO: ALL REGISTERED TOWN PLANNERS.

Dear Town Planner, please be informed that Council has approved the upward review of the following dues during its 38<sup>th</sup> Council meeting as follows with effect from **January 2017**. As follows;

### Dues:

#### A. PLANNING FIRM DUES

- (i) **Limited Liability Company** from ₦15,000 to ₦25,000 annually.
- (ii) **Individual/Business Names** from ₦7,500 to ₦15,000 annually.

#### INDIVIDUAL DUES

- B. **License fees/ Annual Dues** from ₦5,000 to ₦10,000 annually.
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