

Osmotic Engineering Group director receives Fidic 2022 Future Leaders Award

Dr Tony Igboamalu, water and wastewater infrastructure director at Osmotic Engineering Group (OEG), was announced the winner of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (Fidic) 2022 Future Leaders Award at a gala dinner last month in Geneva.



L-R Andrew Johnson, Dr Tony Igboamalu, Aldecia Johnson, Dr Frank Igboamalu and Ronnie Khoza, Osmotic Engineering Group

The awards acknowledge and promote the outstanding achievements of future leaders in the consulting engineering industry globally. Adam Bialachowski, chair of the judging panel and also chair of the Fidic Future Leaders Advisory Council, says the judges were unanimous in their decision.

“Dr Tony Igboamalu has shown a high level of achievement and a keen appreciation of the social impact of his work, which perfectly reflects Fidic’s key values and the positive difference that engineering seeks to make in society,” said Bialachowski.

Igboamalu is a professional chemical engineer who obtained a Global Excellence Stature (GES) 4.0 Research Fellowship in 2022 at the University of Johannesburg looking at the application of 4IR in solving water challenges.

With 15 years’ experience in the water industry, he implements and manages multidisciplinary rural and urban development and poverty alleviation projects, including team, technical, financial (3P) and contracts management. His main focus is on socioeconomic development, maintenance management and privatisation, training, application and transfer of appropriate technology and skills.



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Multidisciplinary approach

“Emerging market problems are not just about engineering but have a socioeconomic basis as well. Solving these myriad problems requires a multidisciplinary approach combining finance, economics and politics. Engineers need to be open-minded. OEG represents the future of Africa in that we are driving the development of our future engineers,” said Igboamalu.

Since its initial foray into South Africa and Nigeria, OEG has opened new offices in Ghana, Uganda and Kenya. Its local office meanwhile covers the entire Southern African region, including Botswana and Namibia.

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