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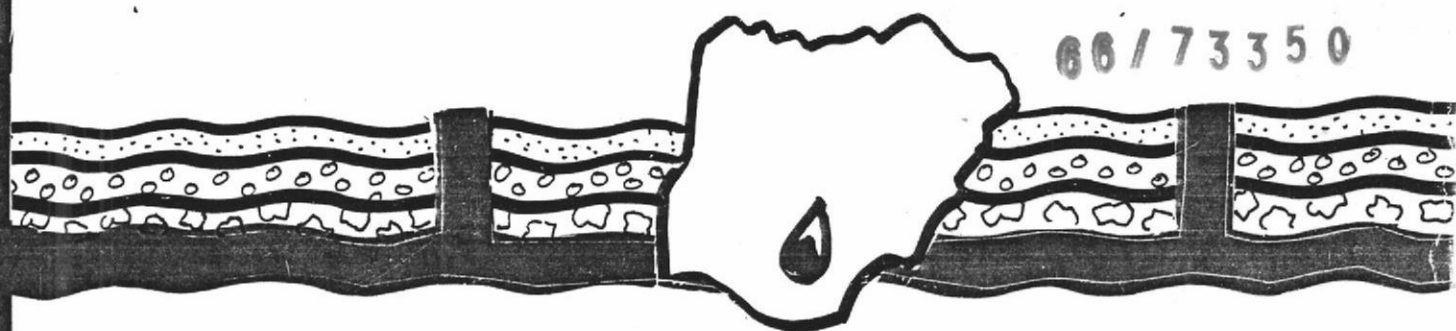
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# from the co-ordinator's note book



**THE CO-ORDINATOR'S NOTEBOOK** on the 1st annual symposium and exhibition of the the Nigeria water and sanitation association, Lagos Sheraton, 23rd — 25th July, 1986.

The idea for the founding of a professional association to cater for the interests of the academics and practitioners involved in the water supply and sanitation industries in Nigeria was first mooted by the Co-ordinator of the 2nd National Workshop on the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade which was held in Owerri, Imo State between 20th and 25th February, 1983.

The Nigeria Water and Sanitation Association (NIWASA) was eventually inaugurated at a meeting held at the Ikeja Airport Hotel on 17th June 1983 and the constitution and the pioneer executive committee of the NIWASA were ratified at the General Meeting held on 11th May, 1984 at the Ikeja Airport Hotel. One of the main objectives of NIWASA is the encouragement of information exchange and transfer among people engaged in the water supply and sanitation sectors by means of seminars, lectures, symposia, workshops and the publications of journals and newsletters. The membership of NIWASA is growing steadily and consists of several water supply and sanitation companies and individuals.

The NIWASA 1st Annual Symposium and Exhibition on Groundwater Resources in Nigeria which is being held in Lagos is a befitting tribute to this capital city which can easily boast of the oldest tradition in municipal water supply and municipal environmental sanitation control in Nigeria. The Lagos State mini waterworks which currently abstract a total of about 100,000m<sup>3</sup>/day of ground water, the 200 or more deep boreholes which have been sunk in the various areas of the Lagos State to satisfy both the industrial and institutional domestic water supply demands and the several shallow hand-dug wells littered all over the low and medium incomes residential areas of Lagos State attest to the importance of groundwater in the socio-economic development of the Lagos State. The importance of groundwater resources in the socio-economic development of the other 18 States of the Federal Republic of Nigeria including the Federal Capital City of Abuja is similar to that of the Lagos State in type, if not, in degree.

The first announcement and call for papers for the symposium on Groundwater Resources in Nigeria attracted 41 paper abstracts out of which 31 were accepted. The symposium will feature at least 20 technical papers on various facets of groundwater resources and will provide managers, specialists and technicians involved in the field of groundwater resources development the opportunity to present their latest knowledge and specific realisation, and also for all symposium participants to obtain pertinent information about practical experiences and new technologies and their recent developments. NIWASA aims to foster mutual respect among its multidisciplinary memberships and to promote a better understanding of specific problems by multidisciplinary interaction. It is hoped that this symposium will achieve this objective in addition to providing the long waited indigenous blueprint and a compendium of valuable reference works on the groundwater resources of Nigeria.

Happy deliberations on the Groundwater Resources in Nigeria:

**Professor K. O. Iwugo**  
**1986 Groundwater Resources**  
**Symposium Convener and Co-ordinator.**

Lagos, Nigeria.  
July, 1986.

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