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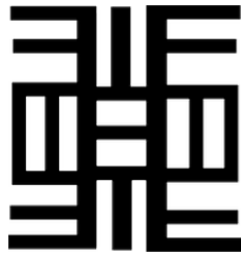
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NEA ONNIM NO SUA A, OHU

"He who does not know can know from learning"

This is the Adinkra symbol of knowledge, life-long education and continued quest for knowledge. The Akan people in West Africa believe that the search for knowledge is a life-long process. This is evident from the Akan saying "Nea onnim sua a, ohu; nea odwen se onim dodo no, se ogyae sua a, ketewa no koraa a onim no firi ne nsa" which translates into "He who does not know can become knowledgeable from learning; he who thinks he knows and ceases to continue to learn will stagnate".

FOREWORD

I would like to welcome each participant to the WABER 2021 Conference. Since its inception in 2009, the WABER Conference series has done a great deal to nurture and support researchers, initially in West Africa, also, in other parts of Africa and elsewhere. I would like to thank all delegates for your participation which enables us to keep this Conference going.

The WABER Conference enjoys a positive international reputation and has continued to grow from strength to strength over the past 13 years. For this, I would like to thank our team, keynote speakers and participants over the years for every contribution you have made to the success of this Conference. This year's Conference has an excellent programme, line up of speakers and authors.

I would like to thank and commend the authors of all 72 papers in this Conference proceedings. If the research paper writing process was compared to a marathon, the authors of the 72 papers in this publication would be adjudged as the ones who have endured and finished the race.

We opened the call for papers for this Conference in December 2020 and over 100 abstracts were submitted by authors. However, it is one thing to propose to write a paper, and it is quite another thing to actually write the paper. Therefore, I would like to thank and congratulate all authors who succeeded in completing the process of getting published in this conference proceedings.

It is befitting that we have an excellent range of interesting topics in the 72 papers to be discussed at this conference.

We are honoured to welcome Professor Charles Egbu, Vice Chancellor of Leeds Trinity University, to give us a special opening address.

In the three days of this conference, we will have various plenary presentations by experienced international academics and I would like to thank and welcome each of them below.

Professor Albert Chan
Richard Lorch
Professor Taibat Lawanson
Professor Dato' Sri Ar Dr Asiah Abdul Rahim
Professor George Ofori

In addition to these speakers, we have other interesting sessions on the programme including a special session for doctoral students and supervisors several other experienced speakers addressing various topics that should be of interest to many of us.

I would like to thank all members of the organising team particularly Associate Professor Emmanuel Essah, Dr Yakubu Aminu Dodo and Dr Sam Moveh for their efforts which has helped to organise this Conference successfully. I would also like to thank all of our reviewers particularly Associate Professor Emmanuel Essah and Dr Haruna Moda for the considerable time and effort spent reviewing and checking all papers to ensure a high standard of quality.

The WABER Conference Team always plays an excellent role in the success of our events and I would like to thank and appreciate the contributions of Florence, Sam Boakye, Victor Ayitey and his team, Kwesi Kwofie and Issah Abdul Rahman to the success of this Conference.

I hope you enjoy our first hybrid conference and engage with our exciting speakers on the diverse topics that will be covered over the three days of this Conference.

Sam Laryea
University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
Chairman of WABER Conference
August 2021

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I confirm that all papers in the WABER 2021 Conference Proceedings have been through a peer review process involving initial screening of abstracts, review of full papers by at least two referees, reporting of comments to authors, revision of papers by authors, and re-evaluation of re-submitted papers to ensure quality of content.

It is the policy of the West Africa Built Environment Research (WABER) Conference that all papers must go through a systematic peer review process involving examination by at least two referees who are knowledgeable on the subject. A paper is only accepted for publication in the conference proceedings based on the recommendation of the reviewers and decision of the editors.

The names and affiliation of members of the Scientific Committee & Review Panel for WABER 2021 Conference are published in the Conference Proceedings and on our website www.waberconference.com

Papers in the WABER Conference Proceedings are published open access on the conference website www.waberconference.com to facilitate public access to the research papers and wider dissemination of the scientific knowledge.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Laryea', with a horizontal line underneath.

Sam Laryea, PhD
Chairman of WABER Conference

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WABER Conference is very grateful to each the following persons for your contribution to the peer review process. Thank you so much.

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- **Best Research Paper**

This prize is awarded to recognize the author(s) of an original piece of research which contributes a better understanding of the research question/problem investigated and demonstrates a high degree of scientific quality and innovative thought. This prize was created to acknowledge the continuing importance of high quality research to academic institutions, a researcher's reputation and the development of the built environment field.

- **Best Oral Presentation**

This prize is awarded to recognise the presentation which is the most coherent, clearly enunciated, well-paced, easy to understand, and effective. The award is given on the basis of quality of the presentation and not the written paper. It recognizes the best presentation based on communication of the content of a paper and the ability of the speaker to deliver an impactful, authoritative and engaging presentation. The award looks to encourage researchers to put as much effort as possible into the presentation of their work.

- **Gibrine Adam Promising Young Scholar Award**

This prize is awarded to recognize and encourage exceptional young researchers. The recipient should be a young academic who demonstrates promise, such that he/she is likely to become established as a research leader. The prize is provided by Mr Gibrine Adam – President of Zenith University College and CEO of EPP Books Services – who has made significant contributions to the education sector through his educational establishments and philanthropic work. Awarding this prize each year will serve as an important inspiration for young African built environment academics.



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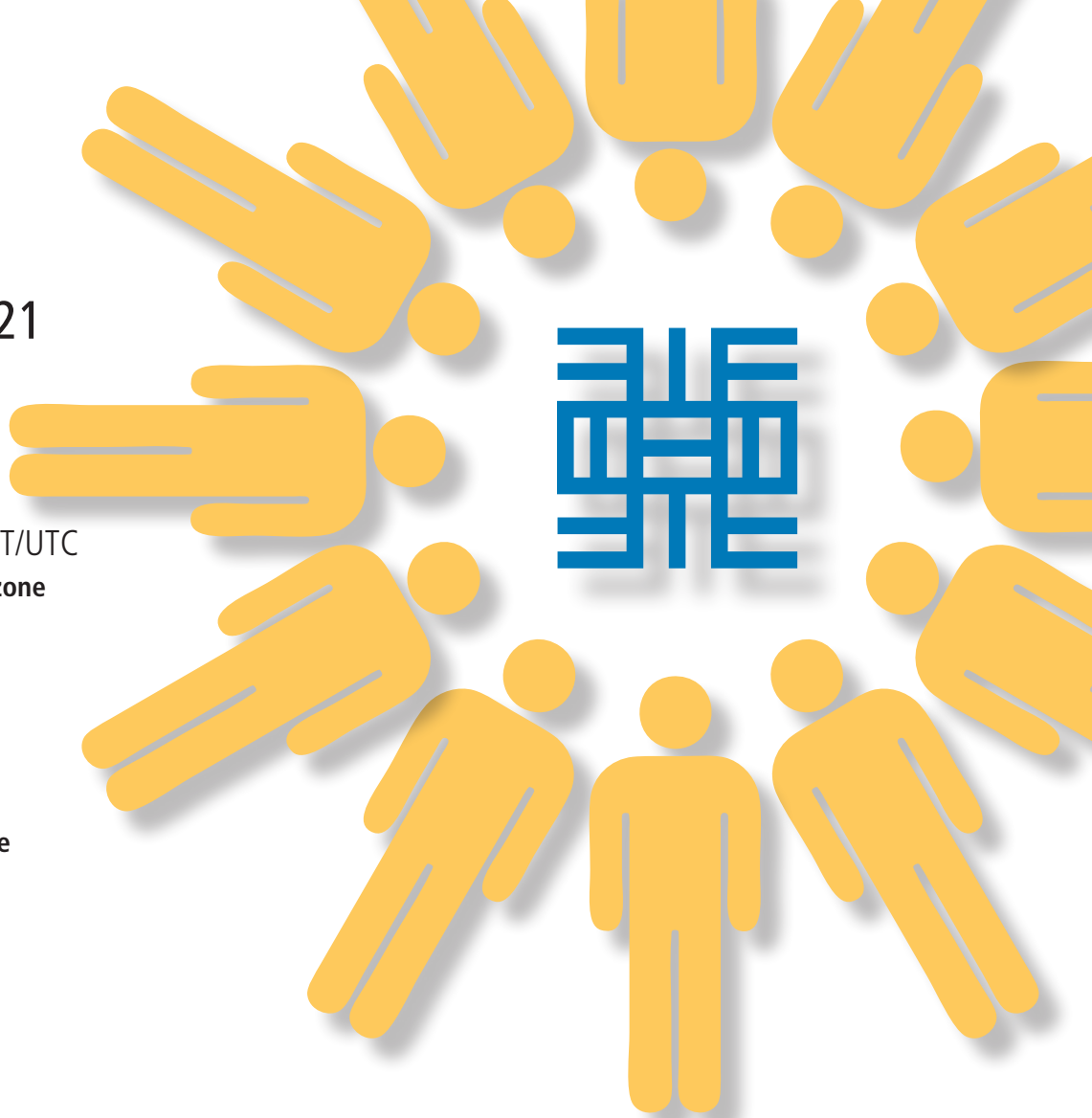


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By **Professor Charles Egbu**, Vice Chancellor Leeds Trinity University, UK

Keynote presentations by experienced international academics



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Vice Chancellor
Leeds Trinity University, UK



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10:30-11:15	KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY PROFESSOR ALBERT CHAN, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, HONG KONG Topic: Current trends and future directions of built environment research		
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11:35-11:45	Stress-coping strategies among construction personnel: an integrative review - Janet Mayowa Nwaogu and Albert P. C. Chan	Impact of risk factors on construction projects' quality in Nigeria - Ziyadul Hassan Ishaq, Mu'awiya Abubakar, Shehu Muhammad, Yarima Sallau Lawal and Ibrahim Isah	Automated recognition of construction workers' physical fatigue based on foot plantar patterns captured from a wearable insole pressure system - Maxwell Fordjour Antwi-Afari, Heng Li, David John Webb, Shahnawaz Anwer, JoonOh Seo, Kenneth Sungho Park and Alex Torku
11:45-11:55	The relationship between self-efficacy beliefs and career choices of undergraduate built environment students - Mariam Akinlolu and Theo C. Haupt	Awareness and perceptions of construction professionals on environmental risks in construction project delivery in Lagos and Ondo States, Nigeria - Deborah Abosede Ogungbemi and Ayokunle Olubunmi Olanipekun	Socio-psychological motivational needs of unskilled women working in Nigeria's construction industry - Seun Micheal Oloruntoba and Ayokunle Olubunmi Olanipekun
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12:05-12:15	Factors affecting the delivery of building construction projects funded by district assemblies common fund (dafc): the case of selected regions in Ghana - Aborah-Osei Castro and Humphrey Danso	Review of risk management studies: towards a frame of reference for large projects - Rilwan Shuaib Abdulrahman, Ahmed Doko Ibrahim, Baba Adama Kolo and Hassan Adaviriku Ahmadu	Covid-19 pandemic and co-working environment: analysis of shared office space in Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja, Nigeria - Tosin B. Fateye, Abiodun K. Sodiya, Victoria O. Odunfa, Ayodele A. Ibuoye and Adewale R. Adedokun
12:15-12:25	Assessment of residents' perception of infrastructure delivery in Nigeria: the tale of Osogbo - Olatunji Solomon Ayodeji and Olowoporoku Oluwaseun Ayodele	Urban morphology and crime patterns in urban areas: a review of the literature - Idris Isah Iliyasu, Aldrin Abdullah and Massoomeh Hedayati Marzbali	The potential role of green infrastructure on mental health and well-being: the covid-19 pandemic experience - Adedotun Ayodele Dipeolu and Akintunde Olaniyi Onamade
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13:35-13:45	Assessing the causes of material wastage as it affects various building materials on Nigerian construction sites - A. A. Salihu, S. Gambo, M. M. Sa'ad, F. M. Oyeleke and J. Usman	Performance-based EPC contracting: a preliminary study of the challenges of engineering procurement and construction projects in Nigeria Aluko-Olokun Bukola Adenike, Baba Adama Kolo, Mustapha Abdulrazaq and Peter C. Gangas	BIM utilization in facilities management practice: a status study in South Africa - Faith Dowelani and Aghaegbuna O. U. Ozumba
13:45-13:55	Determination of factors that influence labour output on construction sites in Ghana - Joseph Henry Acquah, Humphrey Danso and Emmanuel Bamfo-Agyei	Enablers of mutual satisfaction in transnational public infrastructure development: the case of Sino- Ghana - Bridget Tawiah Badu Eshun, Albert P.C. Chan and Frank D.K. Fugar	The benefits of building information modeling in architectural education in Nigeria - Elimisiemon Monday Chris, Poopola J. O. and Salisu A. S.
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14:05-14:15	Examination of energy consumption reduction measures for residential buildings in tropical climate (A Case Study of Birnin Kebbi, Nigeria) - Nkeleme Emmanuel Ifeanyichukwu, Sani Abdulrahman Tolani, Winston Shakantu and Mbamali Ikemefuna	Towards a research agenda for smart contract adoption in less technologically enabled construction environments: a systematic literature review - Ekweani Chioma Precious, Kolo Baba Adama, Adogbo Kulomri Jaule and Mohammed Abdullahi	BIM education ontology: towards a research agenda for non-industrialized economies - Abdulazeez Abdulmumin, B. A. Kolo, Y. G. Musa-Haddary and P. G. Chindo
14:15-14:25	An investigation into the use of building information modelling and its impact on construction performance within Ghanaian construction industry - Frederick Kwasi Wirekoh and Humphrey Danso	Key factors for electronic procurement systems in the promotion of sustainable procurement in construction projects - Sitsofe Kwame Yevu, Ann Tit Wan Yu, Amos Darko and Mershack Opoku Tetteh	Advancements in computer-aided design and the challenges for architectural education in Nigeria – feedback from the students' industrial work experience scheme - Sunday A. Bobadoye, Dorcas A. Ayeni, Saidat D. Olanrewaju and Ajenifujah-Aminat O. Ajenifujah-Abubakar
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15:00-15:45	KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY PROFESSOR GEORGE OFORI, LONDON SOUTH BANK UNIVERSITY, UK Topic: Construction in developing countries: need for new concepts and theorising of contextual specificities to the global corpus of knowledge		
15:45-16:00 WRAP UP AND CLOSE - SAM LARYEA, WITS UNIVERSITY, SOUTH AFRICA			



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08:45-09:00	CHECK-IN AND OVERVIEW OF WHAT WE WILL COVER FOR THE DAY EMMANUEL ESSAH, UNIVERSITY OF READING, UK		
09:00-10:00	SESSION FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS AND SUPERVISORS - BY PROFESSOR ALBERT CHAN AND PROFESSOR GEORGE OFORI Topic: Experiential tips for doing and supervising doctoral research successfully		
10:00-10:15	BREAK		
10:15-11:15	EDITOR'S FORUM PRESENTATION BY RICHARD LORCH (EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF BUILDINGS AND CITIES and FORMER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF BUILDING RESEARCH AND INFORMATION) FOLLOWED BY 15 MINS Q&A Topic: Elements of a good research article and what the editors and reviewers of top journals look for in modern scientific research articles		
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11:35-11:45	Application of Information and Communication Technology on the implementation of health and safety measures by construction firms in Abuja, Nigeria - Abdullateef Adewale Shittu, Anita Dzikwi Adamu, Abel John Tsado, Lois Adedamola Arowolo and Shakirat Remilekun Abdulazez	Challenges to sustainable affordable housing using frugal innovation David Mbabel Dok-Yen, Duah Daniel Yaw Addai and Michael Nii Addy	Analytical nexus of urban liveability, liveable communities and place-making in African cities - Samuel Medayese, Hangwelani Magidimisha-Chipungu, Ayobami Popoola and Lovemore Chipungu
11:45-11:55	Assessment of the challenges and solutions to implementation of safety measures by small and medium sized construction firms in Abuja, Nigeria - Jibril Adamu Muhammad, Abdullateef Adewale Shittu, Yakubu Danasabe Mohammed, John Ebhohimen Idiake and Zannah Alhaji Ali	Development of social housing agenda to solve housing deficit in sub-Sahara Africa: a case for Ogun State, Nigeria - Babatunde Adekoyejo Jolaoso and Olusegun Olaopin Olanrele	Users' assessment of the relationship between housing quality and the conditions of residential outdoor spaces in Ilesa, Nigeria - Yussuf Shakirat Oladayo, Jiboye Adesoji David, Agbabiaka Hafeez Idowu, Adeyemi Toyin Ebenezer and Oke Oluyemi Ebenezer
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12:15-12:25	Evaluation of health and safety compliance of construction projects in south east Nigeria - Chidinma Amarachukwu Emma-Ochu, Kevin C. Okolie and Ikem Mbamali	Factors influencing perceived value of residential properties in Free State Province, South Africa - Kahilu Kaji-mo-Shakantu, Barend Groenewald and Timothy O. Ayodele	Awareness of green infrastructure and its socio-demographic predictors among residents of Lagos metropolis, Nigeria - Adedotun Ayodele Dipeolu, Eziyi Offia Ibem, Joseph Akinlabi Fadamiro, Gabriel Fadairo, Joseph Adeniran Adedeji and Akintunde Olaniyi Onamade
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13:45-13:55	Adoption of technology in human resource management - a new normal - Kuforiji, A. Aramide	Investigating the effect of covid-19 driven inflation on commercial property hedging capacity in Lagos, Nigeria - Muktar Babatunde Wahab, Wasiu Ayobami Durosinmi, Matthew Mamman, Yetunde Christianah Charles- Afolabi and Dodo Usman Zakari	Modeling of future land use/land cover change dynamics in Lagos, Nigeria using cellular automata and Markov chain (Ca-Markov) - Auwalu Faisal Koko, Wu Yue, Muhammed Bello and Ghali Abdullahi Abubakar
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14:15-14:25	An exploration of spatial layout and communication patterns in tertiary hospital design: an innovative approach to sustainable hospital design - Ejeh David Ekoja, Sagada Musa Lawal, Oluigbo Stephen Nwabunwanne, Maina Joy Joshua and Sufiyan Mu'awiyah Babale	Predictors of academic attainment in a Nigerian polytechnic: perceptions of estate management students - Augustina Chiwuzie	An innovative approach for the evalua- tion of expansion option in buildings - Yarima Sallau Lawal, Aliyu Makarfi Ibra- him, Mu'awiya Abubakar and Ziyadul Hassan Ishaq
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HOUSEHOLDS' EXPOSURE TO INDOOR AIR POLLUTION FROM FOSSIL FUEL ELECTRIC GENERATOR USE IN MINNA NIGERIA

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Lack of reliable access to modern energy in Minna Niger state results in households 'use of inefficient alternatives especially fossil fuel generators for domestic purposes. The study analyses indoor air pollution from households 'use of generator with a view to determining their exposure to Carbon monoxide. The concepts of energy access, poverty and generator pollution were reviewed. The research employed empirical approaches and adopted the multi-stage sampling technique. The study area has a population of 63,873 households. MSA Altair 5X Multigas detector was employed in the detection of pollution (CO) levels emanating from the generator use. It revealed that inefficient use of generator, generates 60 ppm, above the WHO and NAAQS threshold of 10 ppm. 66.4% of the generator using households are exposed to dangerous levels of CO pollution from generator use at ≤ 4 meters 'distance in Minna, Nigeria. The study concluded that households 'access to adequate electricity de-emphasizes the need for generator ownership and use. Households 'liveability is undermined by high level of pollution. It recommended enlightenment on the dangers of exposure to carbon monoxide and that generators should be operated at a minimum distance of 4 meters away from residential buildings.

Keywords: carbon monoxide, domestic energy, energy poverty, generator

INTRODUCTION

Epileptic power supply is being experienced by households in Minna, the capital of Niger state the acclaimed 'power state 'of Nigeria. They barely experience 24 hours of uninterrupted power supply despite being the host state of three hydro power stations. This lack of steady electricity energy plunges the households into domestic energy poverty situation as most domestic activities requiring energy

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revolves around electricity energy. Power outage makes them vulnerable security wise especially at night. Increased households 'energy expenditure and pollution exposure is experienced when inefficient alternatives are used especially fossil fuel generators. The generators are majorly resorted to because apart from illumination that other inefficient alternatives can offer, they offer other services such as powering appliances. Fumes from generators contributes to climate change and most importantly increases morbidity and mortality rate through indoor air pollution. Households are at risk when generators are used inefficiently such as in the garage, veranda, balcony, unused rooms, etc. Therefore, the study analyses indoor air pollution associated with generator use in Minna Nigeria with a view to determining households 'exposure to carbon monoxide indoor pollution that will champion the need to play safe in the operations and use of fossil fuel generators.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Energy access

In spite of modern energy services being germane to both human and economic development, still electricity is not accessed by over 1.3 billion people (World Energy Outlook (2002). Electricity is needed for lighting, heating, boiling, and cooking and mainly for various domestic appliances operation. However, the inadequacy in generating electric power likewise poor distribution network has subjected a large chunk of the citizenry to inefficient alternatives of Portable Power Electricity Generator (PPEG), kerosene lantern and candle use for their domestic lighting needs. This, puts them at health risk and invariably increases their household expenditure (Ohadugha 2018). Globally, fossil fuel dependent economy and the greenhouse gas emissions increase is drastically changing the climate system and having a noticeable global impact (UNDP 2016).

Resulting from the epileptic nature of electricity supply, a great percentage of urban dwellers and also industries rely on electricity generating plants (Ladan 2013). The result is that operating of the generators has become a source of both indoor and outdoor air pollution in the urban centres. Quantities of smoke and particulates are generated when generators are inefficiently operated as result of the age, lack of maintenance and operational factors (Ohadugha 2018). On daily basis, average level of indoor emitted pollutants often goes beyond current World Health Organisations guidelines and acceptable levels of 9-10 parts per million (ppm).

Table 1: Nigerian ambient air quality standard

Air Pollutants	Emission Limits
Particulates	250 (µg/m ³)
SO ₂	0.1 (ppm)
Non-methane Hydro carbon	160 (µg/m ³)
CO	11-4 (µg/m ³) or 10 (ppm)
NOX	0.04-0.06 (ppm)
Photo chemical Oxidant	0.06 (ppm)

Source: Federal Ministry of Environment (FME, 1991)

In Nigeria, the ambient air quality maximum limit as approved by the Federal Ministry of Environment, Housing and Urban Development (FME & UD) is 10 ppm - 20 ppm for an average time of 8 hours (Abdulkarim et al. 1990). The WHO

standards in Table 1 were adopted as the national standards for residential buildings gaseous emissions against which air quality parameters monitored are compared in order to determine its "cleanliness" (Federal Ministry of Environment 1991).

Electric generator and air quality

Electricity supply is one public service that has witnessed uncomplimentary remarks from both members of the public and policy analysts over the years and this has generated a series of adaptations including proliferation of private small electricity generating plants (Sanusi 2008). This leads to environmental pollution and increased greenhouse gases due to emissions.

The emissions emanating from Portable Power Electricity Generator (PPEG) has become a major indoor air pollution problem in the country and areas experiencing bad electric power situation (Adefeso et al. 2012). Using PPEG to make up for power shortages, owners most often operate them indoors or very close to their homes in response to generator theft and serene disturbance to neighbours (Ashmore and Dimitroulopoulou 2009). Furthermore, indoor levels of air pollutants can be increased by inadequate ventilation. Supporting the observation above, inadequate windows aggravate indoor pollutants accumulation (White and Marchant 2009). United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (US CPSC) reported that generator positioned near open windows, doors, or vents outdoors accounted for 4.8% deaths caused by generator carbon monoxide poisoning (Marcy and Ascon 2004). The carbon monoxide emission factor from PPEG's powered with gasoline was determined and was proved that carbon monoxide concentrations within enclosures dissipates quickly with high rate of air exchange and further concluded that PPEG should be placed above 10 meters away, if wind direction is towards the building (Adefeso et al. 2012).

Generator use impacts both negatively and positively (Ohadugha 2018). Negatively, the use of PPEG impacts on the health of both the users and those around it through the air pollution and noise. In Nigeria, households operate generators for six hours on the average daily (Stanley et al. 2010) with average distance of 5.6m from building contrary to 10m minimum proposed by Adefeso et al. (2012). Along with poor ventilation, these factors have negatively influenced households' indoor air quality implying that the households are exposed to some concentrations of carbon monoxide (Ladan 2013). The most commonly identified reasons of CO poisoning from PPEG in the observations of Hampson and Zmaef (2005) are ignorance of CO poisoning and ventilation requirements likewise operating generators indoor, especially in the garage. Accordingly, increase in indoor carbon monoxide level in India is attributable to PPEG use in their urban areas (Lawrence et al. 2004). In 2008 alone in Nigeria, more than 60 people suffocated to death resulting from the CO effects due to their exposure to its high concentrations (Adefeso et al. 2012). An individual's health condition, length of exposure as well as the CO concentration determines the health effects (Ohadugha 2018). The effects on people differ though dependent on the CO level and the individual peculiarities (WHO 2000).

MATERIALS AND METHOD

Study area

Minna doubles as the capital of Niger state and the headquarters of Chanchaga Local Government Area (Niger state statistical year book year 2011). Chanchaga Local Government Area is encapsulated by Bosso Local Government Area of Niger state. It lies between Latitude 9° 33 'and 9° 40 'North of the Equator and Longitudes 6° 29 'and 6° 35 'East of the Greenwich Meridian on a geological base of an undifferentiated basement complex of mainly gneiss and magnetite (Max Lock Nigeria Limited 1979). The state has an area of about 76,363km². With Shiroro, Kainji and Jebba Hydro-Electric Dams of Nigeria located in Niger State, the state is the acclaimed "Power Generating House" of the Nigeria with the slogan "Power State".

Methodology

This study analyses households 'exposure to indoor air pollution which entails detecting and measuring the level of pollutants concentration indoors, specifically carbon monoxide resulting from domestic use of electric generators. The research is a household and empirical survey as both primary and secondary data were sourced using semi structured questionnaire from the eventual randomly selected households. Also, portable hand-held gas detector/monitor (MSA Altair 5x Multigas Detector) was used to detect and capture carbon monoxide concentration in the generator using households while the generator is running irrespective of the reason for using generator.

The analysis was done with Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) as a tool. In order to examine households 'exposure to indoor pollution induced by generator use in Minna, the generators mode of use was examined. Gas concentrations indoors were discerned using MSA Altair 5X Multigas Detector which aided determining the level which urban residents are exposed to indoor pollution in the study area. The MSA Altair 5X Multigas Detector Version: SW 1.27.06.50 S/N: 0056759 manufactured by Mine Safety Appliances Company; 1000 Cranberry Woods Drive Cranberry Township, PA 16066 USA is a portable hand-held device used to measure the concentration of gases in the environment. The device is available with a maximum of four sensors, which can display readings for five separate gases (one Dual Toxic Sensor provides both CO and H₂S sensing capabilities in a single sensor), Oxygen (O₂) and 2 combustible gases including Pentane.

Population and sampling technique

The 2018 projected population of the study area which is 319,366 and with national household size average of five ([https://dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/FR148/02Chapter02 .pdf](https://dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/FR148/02Chapter02.pdf)) resulted to approximately 63,873 households.

Using online sample size calculator with confidence level of 95% and 5% margin of error, the sample size is 382. Extra 18 questionnaires were added to make up for possible unanswered rounding it up to 400. Eventually, they were all correctly filled and returned. Hence, 400 copies of the research instrument were proportionally distributed to households in the neighbourhoods making up the study area according to their population. Multi-stage sampling technique involving clustering

(neighbourhoods), stratifying (residential houses) and purposive randomising (households using generators) was adopted for the study in selecting the sampled units.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This section evaluates households 'exposure to indoor pollution in Minna metropolis. It involves analysing the generator use, operating position and distance and their emission (carbon monoxide concentration) to determine the safety or otherwise of the households.

Alternative lighting energy

With the incessant power outage experienced in the study area, the primary domestic energy types used for lighting during power outage include solar, inverter, generator, kerosene lantern, rechargeable lanterns, torchlight and candle. For the purpose of the study which involves pollution, generator was considered. Other prevalent pollutant emitting lighting energy types such as candles and kerosene lanterns with average CO emissions of 2 ppm and 1 ppm respectively were not considered because their emissions are very minimal to endanger human health.

Emission from lighting devices

There are varying CO emission levels from the 'dirty 'alternative lighting fuel households use in times of power outage. As shown in Plate I, a candle stick measuring 19cm (length); 1.5cm (base diameter) and 1cm (tip diameter) burned for 3 hours in an enclosure (windows and door closed) with average carbon monoxide concentration of 2 ppm.

With the same specification of candle but in an opened enclosure (windows and door opened), the candle burned for 2 hours 45 minutes and yielded zero emission. The implication is that candles, in terms of carbon monoxide emission are safer than generators that are used inefficiently though they are rarely used because of the low illumination and the risk of fire hazard if not administered properly.

Similarly, kerosene lantern used by 1.3% of the households observed for one hour emits an average carbon monoxide emission of 1 ppm.



Plate I: Measuring CO Emission from Candle
Source: Authors 'field work, 2018.



Plate II: Observing CO level

Generators come in various sizes and capacities but the commonest in use is the TG950 model (I pass my neighbour) because it is more affordable and portable to most urban residents. Also of interest is its operating principle regarding emission

because engine oil is added to the petrol which aggravates emission of carbon monoxide. Equally, its size makes it flexible position-wise as it can be adjusted at will. For example, bringing it closer or even within the dwelling corridors and veranda during adverse weather conditions such as rain.

The research adopted two scenarios to represent the generator operating position within and outside dwellings. Observing CO level in an indoor environment (worst-case scenario) was done in a 400 m² hall where a TG950 model (I pass my neighbour) generator was used alongside measuring tape and a gas detector (Plate II).

The generator is placed at the centre of the hall and the readings were recorded at an interval of one meter up to ten meters distance from the generators four sides. This was done to observe possible variations in the readings. The measurement range of 1 - 10 meters as depicted in Table 2 was based on the assumption that generators placed above 10m has minimal adverse impact in terms of air pollution.

Table 2: Varying carbon monoxide concentration from a generator in an enclosure

Distance (m)	Side A	Side B	Side C	Side D	Avg conc/dist (ppm)
1	125	25.2	62.4	87.2	74.95
2	68.6	20.4	59.4	88	59.1
3	50.6	16	53.2	99	54.7
4	50.4	26.4	58	110.2	61.25
5	51.8	27.6	57.8	108.8	61.5
6	21.4	29.6	58.6	114.2	55.95
7	4	32.4	69.2	118.6	56.05
8	4	37.2	65.2	120.2	56.65
9	6	36.6	72.6	124.2	59.85
10	24.8	39	60.2	123.8	61.95
Avg conc/ side	40.66	29.04	61.66	109.42	60.19

Source: Authors 'field work, 2018.

As shown in Table 2, it was discovered that at one meter away from the exhaust pipe side, the CO concentration was highest at 125 ppm and the side adjacent to the exhaust pipe has the overall highest CO level. The mean emission is observed to be approximately 60 ppm.

For the best-case scenario (out-door), the generator is placed with the exhaust pipe directed away from building openings (windows and doors) at intervals of one meter up to ten meters and gas detector readings indoors were recorded. The result of the observation in both best- and worst-case scenarios (out-door and in-door) at distances of one meter to ten meters from the source point is shown in Figure 1. In the same way, for in-door environment, the generator was at the centre of the hall from where measurements were taken from the exhaust pipe direction, opposite and both adjacent directions. The indoor environment result is the average of the results from the four directions of the source point.

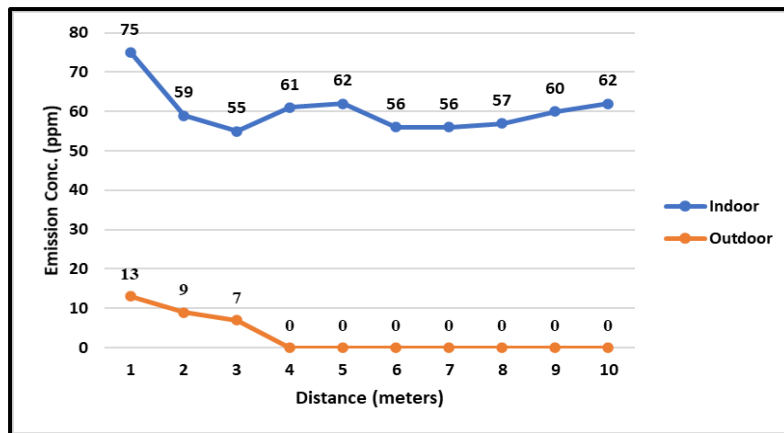


Figure 1: Average concentration levels at various distances in both scenarios
 Source: Authors 'field work, 2018.

Apart from indicating the various concentration levels at various distances in both scenarios, Figure 3 also shows that from the source point in an enclosed environment, the concentration fluctuates as the distance increases but rises at the extreme (wall barrier). It was also observed that wind (speed and direction) influences emission concentrations levels. The indoor experience implies that operating generators within the buildings is a health risk because emissions within the dwelling build up to dangerous levels.

Generator operating positions and distances

Portable Petroleum Electricity Generators (PPEG) are operated from varying positions and distances during power outages. From the survey, the generator operating positions were identified and classified in Table 3 as follows: Generator house – enclosure purportedly built for generators to be operated from; outside the building (dwelling) – open operating position outside the dwelling from varying distances dependent on the convenience of that position and; within the building – operating positions under the same dwelling roof such as corridors, underutilized rooms, verandas, balconies, in-built garages and in tangent to dwelling walls.

Table 3: Generator operating position

Generator Position	Frequency	Percentage
Generator house	59	23.6
Outside the Building	148	59.2
Within the building	43	17.2
Total	250	100

Source: Authors 'field work, 2018.

Out of the generator users, 23.6% operate their generators from generator house, 17.2% within the dwellings such as in the corridors, verandas, lobbies and unused rooms within the building while 59.2% operate PPEGs outside the dwellings from various distances. It is worthy of note that distance wise, those PPEGs operated from purposeful generator houses are assumed to be safe in terms of indoor pollution while those operating within the buildings are assumed to be at zero distance. Generators operated within and outside the dwellings apart from generator houses are the bases for the analysis.

Based on the worst-case scenario observations stated earlier, 17.2% of the households that operate their PPEGs within the dwellings are at risk of greater exposure to carbon emission from generating plants. From the enclosed environment, carbon monoxide concentration observed from the study recorded an average of 60 ppm. For a minimum of 30 minutes exposure with such concentration, symptoms of headache and dizziness would be experienced by the occupants and would tend to a hazardous level for 8 hours exposure (Goldstein 2008; Struttmann et al., 1998). This result suggests that 66.4% generator using households representing 41.5% of the entire households in the study area are exposed to hazardous level of PPEG induced indoor pollution.

The observations further revealed that generators placed at 4 meters away from dwellings with other conditions met, zero (0 ppm) carbon monoxide concentration was recorded. It is imperative to reiterate the conditions to include; air/wind influence, exhaust pipe directed away from dwelling openings and against the wind direction. These conditions especially the wind influence in terms of speed and direction are major constraints to the record taking. This was addressed by taking measurements at intervals and eventually using their average.

In summary, Figure 2 reveals that 66.4% of the generator using households are at great risk of exposure to indoor pollution as they operate their PPEGs within the observed generator operating distance of less than or equal to 4 meters. This represents 41.5% of the entire households in the study area.

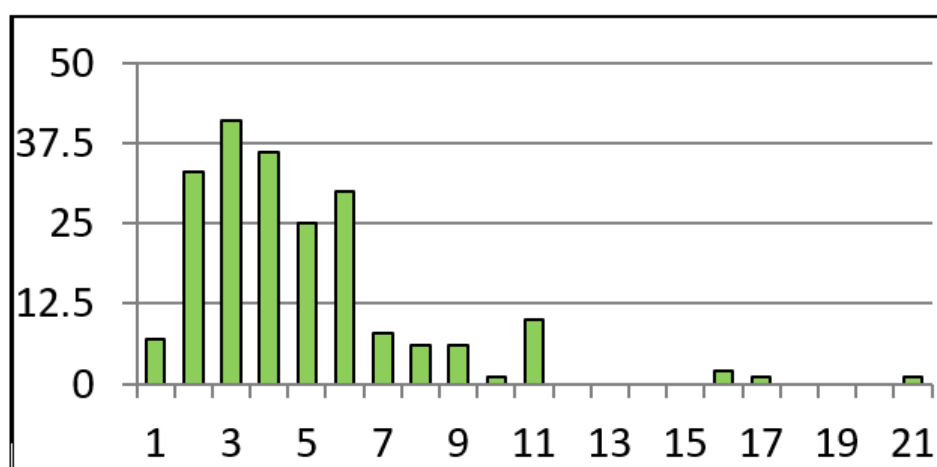


Figure 2: Dangerous Generator Operating Distance
Source: Author's field work, 2018.

Generator use characteristics as observed by the survey vary as such variations are indicators of how safe or not households are in terms of emission exposure with reference to generator operating distances outside the dwellings. The analysis is based on the observed safe operating distance of 4 meters in Minna metropolis. The study discovered that 66.4% of the households using generator as their primary lighting energy type are at risk of emission exposure based on 4 meters generator safe operating distance from houses.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Promoting access to electric power in particular is a very important dimension to consider in enhancing households' access to energy. Poor accessibility to modern energy is the main rationale for households' reliance on pollutant emitting domestic lighting energy types that endangers their health through indoor pollution. It could be deduced that neighbourhood quality and liveability is undermined by the extensive and high level of pollution. Abnormal use of PPEGs such as its proximity to building openings, faulty and subserviced plants, positioning the exhaust pipe against wind direction also aggravates morbidity rate of households through indoor pollution.

In order to improve both human and environmental health likewise reducing dependence on emission generating domestic lighting energy sources in Minna metropolis, the study recommends operating generators above 4 meters away from users and dwellings and ensuring compliance to reduce pollutants concentration. Also, enlightenment on the dangers of exposure to carbon monoxide is imperative likewise encouraging installation of affordable carbon monoxide detector(s) in homes. This alerts the households when carbon monoxide level exceeds safe limit of 9 ppm.

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