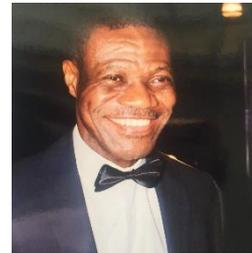




African Real Estate Society

**In Memoriam
Mr. Akinola Kayode Edwin Olawore**



It is with great sadness and shock that we learnt of the passing away of our dear friend Mr. Akin Olawore. There are very few words that can express the grief that the African Real Estate Society (AfRES) community is presently experiencing. The passing way of Akin is a loss to the global community of Real estate practitioners and academics .

Over the years Akin gave AfRES wise guidance and often saw possibilities and opportunities when others didn't. For Akin, people always came first, and his guidance was always tempered with a deep understanding of individual concerns and an ability to see the broader context . The present existence and success of AfRES is attributable to Akin's unbounded dedication to the Society . He served as president of our society and accepted numerous positions which he accepted without hesitation. Akin, with Prof Karl-Werner Schulte worked in rekindling AfRES when the society had lost momentum and played an integral role founding and increasing the membership of the the West African Chapter of the society . Only recently he was deeply involved in the preparations for the 2019 Arusha conference.

Apart from his many professional positions, he was the past president of the Nigerian Institute of Estate Surveyors and valuers, and held the position of president of the Nigerian-British Chamber of Commerce. He was a fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered surveyors and was actively developing global real estate standards and built environment professionalism across the continent.

AfRES members were welcomed in his home with open arms in Lagos, and there was always a place at his family's dinner table. In losing Akin, we have not only lost a great professional and intellectual in the African Real Estate sector, but we have also lost an African Ambassador who had a deep admiration and love for the entire African continent. He always relished in the success of seeing the younger generation of professionals and academics succeed and grow in stature.

We will all miss Akin in our own special ways. The companionship, the laughter, the travel companion, the golf partner, and a doyen of the AfRES community. He saw us all as his "brothers and sisters" .

The AfRES community would like to extend its deepest condolences to his wife Elizabeth and the entire Olawore family . Our thoughts are with you.

We will miss you our "brother".

God Bless Akin,

God bless Africa.

Catherine Kariuki

President AfRES (05 June 2019)