



VIRTUAL STUDENT EXCHANGE REPORT

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- ❖ Hobbies: Ice Hockey, Road Cycling, watching Sesame Street with my daughter, and TV Shows (currently The Wire) with my Fiancé



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- ❖ City From: Modakeke, Nigeria
- ❖ Favorite Hobbies:
 - ❖ Table Tennis
 - ❖ Working Out – He's usually in the Gym twice a day
 - ❖ Music – Favorite Genre is Afro Pop and he enjoys singing and writing his own songs



DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Emmanuel's Response	My Response	Similarity / Differences
<p>Nursery School, junior secondary school (3 years), and secondary senior school (3 years). School is taught in English, and also many other tribal languages within Nigeria. In order to enter University, at 18 or 19 you must pass two exams. He was able to pass the exams on the first try. Emmanuel decided to go to school in Poland because the culture is much more diverse and it also has the most international students.</p>	<p>Attended Public School throughout elementary, middle, high school. My college journey has taken me to Western Michigan University, Macomb Community College, Wayne State University, a 20 year break to join the workforce, then back to Wayne State to pursue a better career opportunity.</p>	<p>Educational structure seems very similar. I was surprised by the emphasis of English at a young age, seems very beneficial for future international opportunities. We both need qualifying Exams for entrance into University. We have the option to attend Community College or Trade schools</p>

WHAT ATTITUDES/MINDSETS EXIST IN YOUR COUNTRY (PEOPLE, POLITICS) REGARDING GLOBALIZATION AND TRADE?

Emmanuel's Response	My Response	Similarity / Differences
<p>The government doesn't really do anything for business without getting something in return. Most businesses try to avoid the government and are only focused on making the profit. There doesn't seem to be a mindset to expand. With the vast amount of Natural resources there is a lot of trade, but corruption is major problem.</p>	<p>Current Government seems to favor shrinking the Global Trade and moving back toward Nationalism. Most people seem divided on the subject. I believe having a world working together is better for all business and all people. The United States didn't become a super power until after the Isolationist period was over. We shouldn't strive to be what we used to be. We should strive to be better.</p>	<p>We both see business as only focused on making a profit. And government can be a hindrance on globalization and trade. There needs to be the right balance of government regulation and free market. Too much one way or the other hurts the consumer.</p>

WHAT LEADERSHIP/MANAGEMENT/COMMUNICATION PRACTICES ARE MOST POPULAR IN YOUR COUNTRY?
WHAT ARE TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS AND USED BY COMPANIES?

Emmanuel's Response	My Response	Similarity / Differences
<p>Team work and cross functional collaboration.</p>	<p>Team work and Collaboration are an important part of most businesses and are emphasized in all upper level Business Courses. The company I work for utilizes Six Sigma and Lean throughout. I work in a team setting working together to achieve a common goal. We have quick meetings (Huddles: 15 Minutes Max) every other day to keep everyone informed of the goals.</p>	<p>Exactly the same. While we would have liked him to go into more detail, there didn't seem to be any different practices he could think of.</p>

WHAT CAREERS IN GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT ARE MOST POPULAR IN YOUR COUNTRY? WHY?

Emmanuel's Response	My Response	Similarity / Differences
<p>IT is by far the most popular in Nigeria. Everyone is trying to improve in this area and there is always demand for network technicians.</p> <p>Emmanuel wants to be an entrepreneur. He already owns a business with his brother. A Unisex Salon.</p>	<p>Buyer and Analysts seem to be very popular. They both seem very versatile and essential for company success. Identifying and solving root causes saves a lot of money. And Buyers have become some of the most critical members of a successful company.</p>	<p>IT and Network design are pretty big. Every company seems to have their own ERP system and having professional on staff to tailor the system to your needs is very useful. I've been my own boss before and I've found I'm better suited at taking direction from someone else.</p>

HOW IS TECHNOLOGY IMPACTING THE PROFESSION AND GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN INDUSTRY IN YOUR COUNTRY?

Emmanuel's Response	My Response	Similarity / Differences
<p>Technology in Nigeria is slowly advancing in a positive way. You can easily sit in the comfort of your own home. They aren't very sustainable with technology though. It can be frustrating due to the way the government runs everything. It could become more advanced if the government was better at sustaining these technological advancements.</p>	<p>In the United States, advancement in technology is streamlining, cutting cost, and making jobs safer. Automation and handhelds have made inventory and materials handling more efficient.</p>	<p>It appears Nigeria is behind the US in technological advancement.</p>

DESCRIBE THE APPROACH TAKEN BY YOUR GOVERNMENT AND COUNTRY TOWARD SUSTAINABILITY IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN?

Emmanuel's Response	My Response	Similarity / Differences
<p>Nigerian government is not very supportive of sustainability. The laws aren't heavily enforced. They are made more to encourage businesses to follow the laws. Tribes encourage laws in one way or the other. They can't really hold a lot of people accountable for disobeying laws though. Seems like the Rules are always changing and the government is unable to decide on a clear direction.</p>	<p>I think Industry leaders have taken the lead on sustainability in the US supply chain. The current Governmental, powers that be, don't seem to be concerned about any environmental issues involving industry regulations.</p>	<p>Government involvement seems to be aligned for both Nigeria and the United States, in that there is no clear direction. The United States has very strong industry leaders that have the vision and insight to move forward with sustainability.</p>

SUMMARY OF VIRTUAL EXCHANGE

This was an interesting exercise and I'm glad to have had the opportunity to talk with Emmanuel. I found that there are a great deal more similarities than difference in the way we think of business internationally.

What I found most interesting was the way Emmanuel emphasized culture. He describe the region of Nigeria he is from: there are over 30 tribes in his region, he is part of the Yoruba tribe and he told us about the important role the Egungun Festival plays in his culture. I also, found it interesting that he chose to go to University in Poland because he was looking for the most diverse culture and international presence.

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