



ISSAM DARWISH

Biography

Issam Darwish received his BE degree with distinction in CCE in 1992. After graduation, he joined MCI as the Satellite Systems Manager. From 1994 to 1997, he worked as the Network Manager for Libancell. In 1997, Mr. Darwish joined Lintel and became its Vice Chairman, Director of Projects. Lintel created and managed telecom networks worldwide [Liberia, Nigeria, Belarus, Yemen, Syria, Jordan, and Sierra Leone].

In 1998, he moved to Nigeria to become the Deputy Managing Director of Motophone, Nigeria's first GSM operator. In 2001, he became a founding member of UBC Services Inc., a specialized telecom infrastructure provider with more than a 1000 employees in Nigeria, Ghana, Tanzania, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, and others.

One of Issam's biggest achievements was to convert UBC's Nigerian subsidiary to a public liability company, listed on the Nigerian Stock Exchange. IHS is currently the largest pan-African telecom service provider.

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You Decide What You Want to Be in Life, but are You Up to the Challenge?

Abstract

The seed of an idea can grow into whatever we are capable of imagining. Every individual has the capacity to change him/herself and thereby affect the path of his or her life; it all starts from within. It does not matter if your IQ is high or low; it does not matter if you are pretty or strong. We can all achieve our aspirations. We can make of ourselves what we decide to if we put in enough hard work, dedication, endurance, and passion into our personal development.

The key is hard work, and then even harder work. Set your goals very high and work very hard and there is no doubt in my mind that you will achieve your goals. This is the secret of success; anything else is fake.

Today, I will present various illustrations of how each of you as engineers hold the power to realize your dreams if you are only willing to do the work required to achieve them.