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PRESENT NUDGING STEWARDSHIP + GOOD GOVERNANCE + EXCELLENCE IN NIGERIA: CUES FROM CANADA'S ARCHITECTURE WORLD

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Through creatively designed buildings and spaces, architects demonstrate a lifelong dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life in our communities. In light of the recent ground-breaking presidential election that's ushering in a new government into power in Nigeria on May 29, 2015, there are promises of 'no business as usual' and making good governance a priority. Consequently, one of the questions on the minds of many is how these promises can be achieved and quantified in the absence of any track record of measurable success. Drawing inspiration from a simple innovative architectural initiative called the Stewardship Excellence Protocol (developed to delineate what constitutes good design and how it is measured), this presentation seeks to demonstrate the similarities and principles pertinent to steering Nigeria to positive governance outcomes modelled after precedents from Canada's architecture world.

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