

ITF Model Skills Training Centre gets Certification-DG



The Industrial Training Fund (ITF) has concluded plans to commence full academic activities in its Model Skills Training Centre (MSTC), Abuja, in February, 2017. This is even as it has secured approval from both Federal Ministry of Education and National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) leading to award of National Innovative Diploma and National Diploma Certification, respectively.

This was disclosed by the Director General of the ITF, Sir Joseph Ari during his Media Press Conference which was held at the ITF Area Office in Abuja recently. He said the Fund has already secured approval from the Ministerial Tenders Board for the procurement of all outstanding equipment in some of the Trade Areas at the MSTC.

Sir Ari noted with dismay the vacancies which exist in the construction sector but cannot be filled by Nigerians because of lack of skills required.

To this end, he said the ITF intends to equip 3,700 Nigerians with skills which are employable in Welding and Fabrication, Reinforcing Metal Works, Domestic Electrical Installation, Carpentry and Joinery, Tiling and Masonry. This is in addition to the training of 1,700 youths in Agriculture which covers Poultry, Fish Farming, Crop Production and Feed Processing in 24 Pilot States covering the Six Geo-political Zones in the Country.

The Director General also announced that the Fund intends to convene Nigeria Skills Summit which intends to set actionable steps for developing skills in Nigeria, examine best practices of aligning skills development to market needs and to

leverage on the outcome of the summit for the development of National Skills Policy.

The Director General in 2017, the ITF is poised to improve the access to its services with commissioning of ISTC Lokoja, Minna Area Office, ISTC Kano and Lagos Island Area Office. The 3 Mobile Workshops of the Fund which are for Industrial Sewing, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration and Instrumentation and Process Control will be fully deployed to bring ITF services closer to the rural areas.

He used the forum to disclosed that N2.206,305,343.34 billion has been paid to 277 companies as reimbursement claims adding that his Management is committed to ensuring speedy payment of reimbursement claims.

The Press Conference which was very interactive had in attendance Director, Planning, Research and Statistic, Director Information and Senior Special Assistant, all from the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, many Media Executives from both Print and Broadcast.

