Update on Capacity Building Activities (January – July 2017)

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CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN 2017

i) INAUGURATION OF NBTE CHAPTER OF WOMEN IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION (WITED) AND WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN TVET

The Executive Secretary of National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), Dr. M. A Kazaure formally inaugurates the NBTE chapter of Women in Technical Education in Kaduna. He stated that, Women in Technical Education (WITED) has a pivotal role to play in encouraging more women participation in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). He explained that the Commonwealth Association of Polytechnics in Africa (CAPA) embarked on the WITED project in 1988 in reaction to the exceedingly low participation of Women in Science and Technical Education in its member institutions.

He said, the project has as its long-term objective to enhance participation of the girl-child and women in science and technical education at all levels; while other objectives seek to foster gender equality in line with the Sustainable Development Goals 4 in Science and Technology since these domains are top priorities to any meaningful national development plan as well identifying the factors which impede female participation in technical education, training and employment.

The occasion which also commemorated the International Women’s Day on 8th March, 2017, featured the inauguration of the interim executive committee of the NBTE chapter. Dr. Mrs.
Amina Idris, Director NBTE Centre of Excellence for TVE was inaugurated interim President with Mrs. Helen Odutan, Ag. Director, Monotechnics Programmes as Vice President.

II) **2-DAY NATIONAL WORKSHOP/INTERACTIVE SESSION ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR POLYTECHNICS AND OTHER TVET INSTITUTIONS IN NIGERIA, HELD AT NBTE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR TVET, ON 25TH TO 26TH APRIL, 2017.**

The 2-Day National Workshop on Entrepreneurship/Interactive session on Entrepreneurship for Polytechnics and other TVET institutions in Nigeria was organized by the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) from 25th to 26th April, 2017 at the Multi-Purpose Hall, Centre of Excellence, Ungwan Rimi GRA.

The main objective of the workshop/interactive session was to examine how far the institutions have gone on the Entrepreneurship Centres in their respective institutions from 2012 to date, and also to be able to showcase and make presentations on the achievements recorded.

The workshop was divided into two sessions where papers were presented at the first session and the second session was interactive. It was attended by Sixty-Nine (69) participants.
iii) 3-DAY NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON EFFECTIVE CORPORATE IMAGE MANAGEMENT FOR INFORMATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS/MEDIA AND PROTOCOL OFFICERS OF POLYTECHNICS AND MONOTECHNICS IN NIGERIA TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/NBTE HELD AT NBTE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR TVET KADUNA, FROM 9TH -11TH MAY, 2017.

The 3-Day National Workshop on Effective Corporate Image Management for information/Public Relations /Media and Protocol Officers of Polytechnics and Monotechnics In Nigeria was organized by the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) In collaboration with the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) and the Integrated Business School (IBS). It was held at the NBTE Centre of Excellence for TVE from 9th to 11th May, 2017.

The major objectives of the Workshop were to build the Capacity of the participants in developing and managing the corporate image of their institutions, acquaint them with knowledge and skills on how to apply modern techniques in the production of information materials and lead them to significantly understand how crisis can be prevented and managed through effective communication for effective corporate management in the TVET sector.

A total of thirty-Six (36) participants attended the workshop.
iv) MEETING WITH RECTORS AND ODFL STEERING TEAM OF PILOT INSTITUTIONS ON FLEXIBLE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (FSD) /TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS e-LEARNING RESOURCE (TIER), HELD AT NATIONAL BOARD FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION KADUNA ON WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY, 2017.

The meeting was organized by NBTE Centre of Excellence for TVE in collaboration with the project partner M8 Global Know Network Limited.

The major objectives were to sensitize the delegates on the journey so far on the FDS/TIER, to inaugurate the ODFL Steering Team with their Roles, to unveil the National e-learning Strategic Plan for Polytechnics and to present the FSD/TIER Implementation Plan for Polytechnics for review and amendments.

The meeting was attended by 70 delegates from the pilot Institutions.
CELEBRATION OF 2017 WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY (WYSD)

The Centre has joined its counterpart around the globe and celebrated the annual event; ‘Wold Youth Skills Day’ (Saturday 15th July) where skills in action were captured, with exhibition on youth empowerment and entrepreneurship in TVET particularly in the informal sector. The event also centred on youth employment and tends to promote equity and gender equality and facilitating transition to sustainable economies and societies.
vi) 2-DAY HANDS-ON-NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON METAL FABRICATION FOR TEACHERS OF TECHNICAL COLLEGES IN NIGERIA AT AFIT MANDO-KADUNA (15TH – 16TH AUGUST, 2017)

The Centre in collaboration with Airforce Institute of Technology (AFIT) and BINALI Ventures successfully conducted a 2-Day Hands-on-National Workshop on Metal Fabrication for Teachers of Technical Colleges. The main objective of the Hands-on Training was to refresh and strengthen the skills of participants on the use of metal work machines. Seventeen (17) Teachers of Technical Colleges from four (4) States; Abia, Yobe, Bauchi and Kaduna were trained.
vii) NATIONAL VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (NVQF) ACTIVITIES

The 2017 batch of Quality Assurance Assessors (QAA) training was held at Lapour Hotels Abuja between 22nd May and 9th June, 2017. A total of 48 candidates were in attendance. The partnering organisations include Industrial Training Fund (ITF); 26, National Power Training Institute (NAPTIN); 10, Sector Skills Council for Care (10) and Flair Academy (1). Equally, two International facilitators from United Kingdom, four National resource persons, six lead assessors, were involved in the training. The training is ongoing.

The objectives of the Training are to facilitate the implementation and Institutionalization of National Vocational Qualifications Framework (NVQF).

MAFITA Skill Project:

A DFID funded Nigeria Skilling Project called ‘MAFITA’ project was set up in tackling the supply and demand side of the labour market, focusing on the delivery of skills essential for employment, as well as the absorptive capacity of the project. The MAFITA project is supporting six innovative interventions:

1. Policy and Strategy on Skills and Job Creation.
2. Integrated Training-the-Trainer:
3. Access to Finance:
4. Access to Business Development Services:
5. Training to Work:
6. Tailored Skill Teaching Mechanisms:

Based on the six interventions identified, NBTE and MAFITA agree to cooperate and support each other in sharing knowledge, experience and expertise on skills development and system issues with a direct impact on the institutionalisation of NVQF in Nigeria.

2. Between March and April 2017, trained 180 MAFITA Master Craft Persons (MCPs) on formative assessment leading to QAA qualification unit 1.

3. In May 2017, trained 120 Community Skills Development Centre (COSDECS) Instructors on formative assessment leading to QAA qualification unit 1.

4. Between May and June 2017, trained 47 quality assurance assessors in Abuja; Participants were from ITF, EDUCARE, NAPTIN, and FLAIR ACADEMY
A tailored made QAA training for managers of Industrial Training Fund (ITF) was conducted in June, 2017. The training covers units 1 and 3 of the QAA qualification. Sixteen participants from standardisation and certification department of ITF took part with 4 early leavers.

viii) INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

The Director of the Centre, Dr Amina Idris was invited by UNESCO-UNEVOC to participate in the International Conference on Technical and Vocational Education and Training ‘Skills on the move: a Global trend, local resonances’, was held in Tangshan, People's Republic of China from 4 to 6 July, 2017

Participants reviewed the major trends and policy developments in TVET since the Third International Congress in Shanghai in 2012 and also discussed challenges faced by TVET systems and explored appropriate responses aimed at building a better understanding of the contribution of TVET to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and at defining strategic directions for cooperation among
countries and with the international community to achieve TVET-related targets within Education 2030 Framework for Action and other SDGs.

The Conference produced an ‘Updated Skills Agenda’ centered on four key areas:

i) Anticipating and assessing skills needs

ii) Developing skills for all

iii) Making skills and qualifications more transparent and better recognized

iv) Contributing to better use of skills in the world of work and support entrepreneurship

The Centre has concluded plans to mount two National Workshops in September and October, 2017 on;

I) Facility Management, in collaboration with Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), for the Staff of Works Departments of Polytechnics and similar Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria, and;

II) National Workshop for SIWES officers in collaboration with Industrial Training Fund (ITF). And also

III) And conduct a light survey in some selected polytechnics on greening for data gathering and analysis

The Centre is also making arrangements to host the COL INVEST Nigeria partners meeting in October, 2017