

ITF BAGS FG AWARD IN MSMEs

The Industrial Training Fund (ITF) has won the Federal Government's "**Star Partner Award in MSMEs**" amidst competition from several other Federal Government Agencies and Parastatals.

The Award presentation which held at the Banquet Hall of the State House, Aso Villa Abuja, was presided over by the Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osibanjo, who is also the chairman of the Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Council.

Prof. Osibanjo, while presenting the award to the ITF Director-General/CE, praised the efforts of the Fund for immediately buying into the key policies of the Federal Government aimed at Poverty Reduction and Job/Wealth Creation which according to him "is already yielding dividends".

The Vice President urged the ITF to continue to do more in the area of Technical and Vocational Skills Training and the entrepreneurship component which has seen it rising from strength to strength in youth empowerment. He called on similar agencies of government to borrow a leaf from the ITF in supporting government achieve its mandate.

In a remark after receiving the Award, the Director-General of the ITF, Sir Joseph N. Ari dedicated the award to the resilient workforce of the ITF and its Management and also to its Stakeholders, without whom this achievement could not have been possible".

The DG recalled with nostalgia the journey to this day, which started with the robust policy document developed by the Fund known as, the "The ITF Reviewed Vision: Strategies for Mandate Actualization". According to him, the policy document has given the Fund the necessary guide and has chart a new course towards attaining its mandate actualization.

He said the award is a testimony that the ITF is working and that the staff of the Fund are fully alive to their responsibilities and are ever willing to partner with other organizations to achieve the desired success. He assured

that the "Star Partner Award" is a tonic to do more and help Government in bringing about the necessary change it has set out to in every sector of the country's economy.

Sir Ari then congratulated the entire workforce for a glorious outing in 2017 and urged them to do more, "as we enter 2018".