

ITF GROOMING NIGERIAN YOUTHS FOR THE FUTURE- AMOSUN

The Executive Governor of Ogun State, Senator Ibikunle Amosun has described the Industrial Training Fund as a Federal Government Agency that is systematically growing the Nation's economy through its youth and women centred skills initiatives.

The Governor stated this at the graduation/closing ceremony of the National Industrial Skills Development Programme (NISDP) in Abeokuta recently.

Speaking through the Secretary to the State Government, Barr. Taiwo Adeoluwa, the Executive Governor added that Nigeria had a huge problem with youth unemployment and the Ogun State Government was pleased with the efforts of the Fund in empowering Nigerian youths with requisite skills for job creation.

Senator Amosun also called on the Federal Government to continue to strengthen and empower the ITF in order for it to keep addressing youth and women unemployment through its skills empowerment programmes.

In his welcome address, the Director-General of the Industrial Training Fund, Sir Joseph N. Ari, commended the Ogun State Government for its continuous partnership with the ITF.

The DG who was represented by the Acting Director, Revenue Inspectorate & Compliance Department of the Fund, Mr Stephen Odafe Ojigho, explained that the Fund's commitment to skills acquisition was based on the fact that it was the most proven solution to combatting unemployment, reducing poverty and youth restiveness in the country.

Addressing beneficiaries at the ceremony, Sir Ari charged them to make the most of the opportunity provided by ITF skills acquisition programmes, to not only put food on their tables, but also make meaningful contributions to the Nigerian economy.

Speaking on behalf of the master craftsmen, Mr Femi Obasan applauded the ITF on the giant stride it had undertaken to empower Nigerian youths with skills, adding that the programme is both impressive and functional in practice.

Also speaking on behalf of the beneficiaries, Mr Emmanuel Boluwatife thanked the Fund for training and giving them start-up kits. He encouraged more Nigerian youths to embrace skills acquisition, even if they had acquired certificates from tertiary institutions.

The highlight of the occasion was the distribution of start-up kits to the 300 beneficiaries who were trained in Catering, Event Management, Aluminium Fabrication, Tiling and Plaster of Paris (POP) over a period of 3 months.

