

## FG CONVENES STAKEHOLDERS ROUNDTABLE ON JOB CREATION

As part of efforts to combat rising unemployment in Nigeria, the Federal Government has convened a stakeholders' forum that will articulate strategies for job creation.

The meeting that will take place in Abuja on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2019, will be chaired by the Minister of the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr Okechukwu Enelamah.

The one-day event is expected to attract participants from over 60 public and private sector organizations, who will consider and subject to critical review a report by the ITF strategies on job creation, which was produced by the Fund at the instance of the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment.

The report, which focuses on four sectors of the economy namely: agriculture, construction, transport and services sectors that are deemed to have the greatest potential for job creation, projects that about 15 million direct and indirect jobs will be created if the ITF proposals are fully implemented.

Highlights of the report indicate that in the area of agriculture, which is the major pre-occupation of Nigerians and a key focus of the Next Level Agenda of the Federal Government, a significant number of direct and indirect jobs will be created along the agricultural value chain through the implementation of the following programmes: the Vegetable Value Vantage (TRIPLE V), Livestock Production (LIPRO) and Women Driven Agricultural Mechanization Programme (WODAMP).

In the Construction and Services sectors, over hundreds of thousands of direct and indirect jobs will be created for Nigerians using – the Mass Housing Development Projects (MAHODEP) and Rural Transportation Empowerment

Programme (RUTEF), the Mega City Travel – Rail Based (MECIT-RB) and Mega City Travel–Bus Based (MECIT-BB) initiatives and the Infrastructural Maintenance of Government Structures (IMOGS) in the transport sector. And in the services sector using Auto-Diagnostics and Services (ADASE), Environmental Waste Management (EWAM), Renewable Energy Services (RES), Creative Arts and Digital Media Programme (CADMEP) and Service Hubs (SE-HUB).

With mix of technocrats and captains of industry that will be in attendance, the Federal Government expects that what emerges from the meeting will lead to tangible and effective solutions to the employment problem in Nigeria.

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