

## **ITF HOLDS ITS 2019 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REVIEW MEETING/MERIT AWARD CEREMONY**

The Industrial Training Fund (ITF) held its 2019 Annual Corporate Performance Review Meeting/Merit Award Ceremony, recently. The twin programmes are aimed at analysing the performance of the Fund in the year under review and to encourage staff that had performed excellently with awards.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the Corporate Performance Review Meeting which held at the Centre for Excellence, Bukuru, the Director General/Chief Executive of the ITF, Sir Joseph N. Ari, KSM, KSS, charged all staff comprising Directors, Deputy Directors and Area Managers in attendance to take their time to evaluate the 2019 performance so as to build on it for 2020.

The Vice Chancellor, University of Jos, Professor Sebastian Seddi Maimako who was represented by Professor Theresa Madu, in a keynote address titled; **“Corporate Performance Review: An Imperative for Organisational Excellence”** said that addressing organisational excellence as an ongoing effort to establish an internal framework of standards and processes intended to engage and motivate employees to deliver products and services that fulfill client requirements within business expectations.

In the same vein, the award ceremony which held at the ITF Headquarters complex, Jos, had in attendance staff of the Fund as well as dignitaries from all works of life.

The DG ITF in his speech appreciated all stakeholders and staff of the ITF for a successful preceding year, saying the Fund had accelerated infrastructural development programmes taking its services to the doorsteps of clients, expanded the Fund’s revenue base and provided a

conducive working environment to motivate the workforce for greater productivity.

Sir Ari stated that, "The Fund completed construction work on six of its projects, namely; The Mechatronics Workshop and Administrative Block at the Industrial Skills Training Centre (ISTC), Kano, the Katsina Area Office Complex, Lagos Island Area Office, Modern Library Complex and the Central Store at the Headquarters, and a block of classrooms at the ITF Staff School, Jos."

He further said that several other projects were at various stages of completion which included the Gusua Area Office Complex, Minna Area Office Complex, Aba Area Office Complex, Awka Area Office Complex, the Headquarters Conference Centre and Gymnasium, and Multipurpose Building in Maitama, Abuja.

The Governor of Plateau State RT. Hon. Simon Bako Lalong, represented by the Commissioner of Special Duties and Intergovernmental Affairs, Mr. Jeremiah Werr, stated that Plateau state had greatly benefitted from the ITF especially through its National Industrial Skills Development Programme (NISDP) and InfoTech Skills Empowerment programme (ISEP) where all beneficiaries received start-up packs to set up their own businesses.

Governor Lalong added that beyond empowerment of youths with skills, the ITF had made specific contributions in the educational sector and other aspects of the state through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CRS) Programmes. He listed some of them as the two boreholes donated by ITF to Rantya and Hwolshe communities, the training of over 200 teaches for free, donation of a sick bay to St. John Vianney Seminary and renovation of the ICT Centre at the Government Technical College, Bukuru.

Goodwill messages were given by the President of Nigeria Employers' Consultative Association (NECA), Dr. Timothy Olawale, the President, Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and

Agriculture (NACCIMA), Hajiya Saratu Iya Aliyu, the General Officer Commanding (GOC), 3rd Armoured Division, Maxwell Khobe Cantonment Maj. Gen. Nuhu Angbazo, Representative of the Commissioner of Police, and Emir of WASE, HRH Alhaji Sambo Haruna.

The climax of the event was the presentation of awards to the best Area Office in **Training Activities, Best in Training Contribution, Best in Course Fee Collection, Best in Revenue Contribution, Overall Best Performance, and Long Service staff (15-30years)**.