

## **ITF TRAINS AGIP STAFF**

The effort of the Industrial Training Fund to train operators in the Oil and Gas sector has begun yielding results as 18 staff of AGIP Oil Company attended a 4-day unscheduled training programme organized by Port Harcourt Area Office.

The 4-day programme, which took place in the Training Room of the Area Office, was designed to equip the staff of the company with requisite budgetary skills and techniques to consistently and continuously deliver operational objectives while achieving financial performance goals.

The programme featured several topics including overview of budget management and control, budget preparation, balance score card and budget evaluation, budget monitoring and reporting, risk and risk management and personal effectiveness.

Declaring the workshop open, Area Manager of the Area Office, Mr. Emmanuel Isiwu implored the participants to embrace a participatory approach that will facilitate learning during the programme.

At the end of the programme, Mr. Usen Dickson, who spoke on behalf of the participants, commended the Fund for the quality and relevance of the workshop. In a related development, Port Harcourt and Bayelsa Area Offices held a joint SIWES Zonal Coordinators' meeting with seven participating institutions in attendance.

The Institutions, which comprised the University of Port Harcourt, Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rivers State College of Arts and Science, Ken Saro-Wiwa Polytechnic, Niger Delta University, Bayelsa and Federal University, Otuoke.

In his opening remarks, the Port Harcourt Area Manager Mr. Emmanuel Isiwu advised the SIWES Coordinators to discharge their duties diligently in order for prompt payment of SIWES allowances in view of the challenges of TSA payment system.

SIWES Coordinator of the University of Port Harcourt, Dr. Adedapo A. Aiyeloya, who spoke on behalf of the Coordinators, called on the Fund to pay outstanding supervisory and students' allowances for smooth administration of the Scheme.