

ITF SET TO LAUNCH THE 5TH PHASE OF NISDP

The Industrial Training Fund has completed arrangements to roll out the 5th phase of the National Industrial Skills Development Programme (NISDP) in 13 States of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

The 5th phase, which is the first of the three phases to be implemented in 2016, will flag off on 25th April, 2016 in Abia, Anambra, Adamawa, Borno, Plateau, Delta, Sokoto, Kwara, Ogun, Katsina, Rivers, Lagos, Kaduna States and the FCT.

The second and third phases will commence in July and October respectively.

The programme, which is targeted at providing Nigerian youth with technical and vocational skills for wealth creation will support the Federal Government's policy objectives on poverty alleviation, job creation and economic diversification. The training will equip youth with skills in 38 trade and craft areas comprising Welding and Fabrication; Domestic Electrical Wiring; Autotronics; Information and Communication Technology; Tiling; Garment Making; Fish Farming; Plaster of Paris (POP) Production; Confectionary; Hair Dressing; Antiseptic; Detergent and Liquid/Bar Soap Making.

Other skills to be imparted to the youth are Rice Processing; Carpentry and Joinery; Bead Making; Panel Beating; Plumbing and Pipe Fitting; Painting and Sign Writing; Pastry and Baking; Motor Vehicle Rewiring; Cell Phone Repairs; Vulcanizing; Photography; Web Design; Shoe/Bag Making; Masonry; Chalk Making; Cassava Processing; Poultry Faming; Groundnut Processing; Tie and Die; Aluminum Fabrication; Decoration and Event Management; Tricycle Maintenance; Cosmetology; Polymer Recycling; Furniture Making; Catering Services; Leather Works; and Animal Feed Milling.

The programme is targeted at Nigerians between the ages of 18 to 35 years of age with a minimum of First School Leaving Certificate, who must be unemployed residents of States selected for the programme and should not be ex-convicts or of questionable character.

The Industrial Training Fund started the programme in 2011 in liaison with the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment. It has since trained about 74,000 youths who are either self- employed or have been engaged by numerous organizations.