

ITF DG UNVEILS ITF REVIEWED VISION

-----Targets Training of 17,000 Farmers in 2017



The Director-General of the Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Sir Joseph N. Ari, has unveiled a plan that is intended to effectively reposition and refocus the Organization to actualize its mandate and positively impact all segments of its stakeholder and the national economy.

The plan, which is tagged: "ITF Reviewed Vision: Strategies for Mandate Actualization", was presented by the DG during a meeting with Area Managers and Training Managers of the Fund's Area Offices and Centres at Centre for Excellence, Bukuru.

According to Ari, the plan, which has a number of quick wins, medium and long term goals and would terminate in 2022, would equip Nigerians with diverse skills for employability and entrepreneurship.

As part of the quick wins, the DG said the ITF would develop the capacity of 17,000 Nigerian farmers, noting that areas like fish farming, poultry production, crop production and agricultural mechanization amongst others would especially be prioritized.

He disclosed that the Fund would use its existing Industrial Skills Training Centres in Kano and the Centre for Excellence and the undeveloped lands owned by the Fund in Enugu, Orile-Owu, Katsina, Kaduna, Bauchi, Port Harcourt and Ofada to establish demonstration farms that would be used to train Nigerian Farmers.

He noted that the emphasis on agriculture by the plan was premised on conviction that requisite capacity of Nigerian farmers must be developed if

the Nation would achieve food security and conserve a huge foreign reserve currently expended on the importation of food items.

Sir Ari, who explained that the meeting was convened to apprise Area Managers and Training Managers of the new vision and direction of ITF, He charged them to ensure its actualization in their respective Area Offices and Centres.

He stressed that the actualization of the nation's economic diversification agenda and other focus areas of the Federal Government including provision of skills, revival of agriculture and entrepreneurial development rested on the ability of the Fund to effectively achieve its mandate, and therefore warned that non-challant attitude to work by all functionaries of the Fund would not be tolerated.

