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Rector's Greetings



Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) is our priority at Yaba College of Technology. The UNEVOC Centre was instituted to showcase and inform on best practices in TVET and how we are preparing our students for the world of work. Keep reading the newsletter to be informed and educated as we transform our nation and our world with the subject of TVET. Thank you

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Commonwealth of Learning Education Specialist visits the College

Yaba College of Technology received the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) Education Specialist, Dr. Alison Mead Richardson on a three-day working visit from December 16 - 18, 2015. The visit was in furtherance of the drive of the College to transform teaching and learning and embrace emerging models of education.



COL Technical and Vocational Skills Development (TVSD) arm has developed an initiative tagged Flexible Skills Development and Blended Learning approach (FSD/FaB) for TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) institutions to embrace 21st century technology, quality education and extend learning opportunities out of their immediate scope to marginalized sectors of the education spectrum i.e. informal learning and gender inequality.

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AuthorAID Online Course on Grant Proposal Writing

Dr. Funmilayo Doherty, Coordinator, UNEVOC Centre, won a grant from International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) United Kingdom in August 2015 to organize an AuthorAID Online Course on Grant Proposal Writing. She was one of the two applicants that were given the award and the course took place from February 1 – March 6, 2016. It was a free and flexible self-study course with an approximately 3-4 hours per week study time required. The target audiences of the course were researchers, lecturers, academia and professionals. The course was run on the Center's LMS <http://my.yabatechunevoc.org>. About 200 participants from over 30 countries registered interest; 92 enrolled for the course and 60 participants completed the course requirement and were certified.

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ONLINE EDUCA BERLIN 2015: Shaping the future of learning

The College was represented by the UNEVOC Center Coordinator, Dr. Funmilayo Doherty at the three days of hands-on workshops, plenaries,

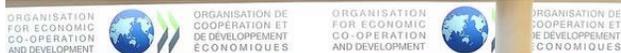


interactive breakout sessions, discussions, debates, labs, demos, performances, special events and networking activities, plus an extensive exhibition of international suppliers and service providers. The annual event was held from December 2 - 6, 2015 in Berlin, Germany.

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1st Global Forum on Green Economy Learning

The 1st Global Forum on Green Economy Learning of policy-makers, development partners, as well as representatives from education and training institutions, NGOs and business associations to identify opportunities for scaling-up green economy learning was held at OECD Headquarters, Paris



France from December 16-18, 2015.

Highlight of the event was the development of the statement on Inclusive Green Economy learning. The draft was developed by participants from all the institutions present. Presentations were carried in

breakout sessions by the UNEVOC Centers in attendance. A meeting of UNEVOC Network was held on the first day of the event. There were two representatives from Nigeria: the University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN) UNEVOC Center Coordinator, Prof. Osinem and Yaba College of Technology (YCT) UNEVOC Center System Analyst, John Okewole.

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YCT Cohort on Blendkit Course

YCT FSD Champions and the College community were introduced to the Blended Learning course (Blendkit2016) organized by the University of Central Florida. The UNEVOC Center applied to be a cohort on the course and several participants from the College are active on the online course. The course started on February 22, 2016 and it will last for 5 weeks.

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YCT Agric and Multipurpose Cooperative Society Visits Epe

The UNEVOC Center was the convener of the YCT agric and multipurpose cooperative society and has been in the forefront of its development. Part of the initiative of the society is to acquire farmlands for agricultural purposes. The executives of the cooperative visited the proposed farmland in February 2016 for a firsthand look at the land and arrange preparations for the farming season.

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Butterfly Works Representative visits UNEVOC Center

On February 23, 2016, the center received a representative of Butterfly Works, the Netherlands, a social innovation studio that create communication and education projects in emerging economies. Ms. Dorieke Looije, a project manager, was in the country to assess readiness of co-founder for the start of a Bits School in Nigeria. The Bits school is

already in about 7 other locations across the world



and they were ready to establish such in Nigeria,

Egypt and Somalia. She briefed on the project and presented the Center with various brochure of the organization’s work. In her words, she looked forward to future collaboration with the UNEVOC Center.

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All Farmers Association meets YCT Agric and Multipurpose Cooperative Society

Partners from the All Farmers Association of Nigeria were received by members of the cooperative on January 13, 2016. Part of the visit was the presentation of Mr. Kofi Amoabin, representative of Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, USA on opportunities available for collaboration with them.

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Flexible Skills Development (FSD) Champions Meetings

Following the visit of Dr. Alison Mead-Richardson in December 2015, the YCT FSD Champions have been meeting regularly to work on non-formal courses development. In 2016, three meetings were held.

January 19, 2016 – the highlights of the meeting were briefing on the non-formal course developments and choosing the appropriate informal sector, registration on INVESTAfrica platform and how to upload the course planners. Attendants were told to visit the UNEVOC Center for any technical issue in registration. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Uduak Inyang-Udoh.

February 4, 2016 – At this meeting, issues involved with course planner upload were addressed. An

announcement of the next visit in March of the COL Specialist, Dr. Alison Mead-Richardson with other experts to train champions and assess the non-formal courses developed. A presentation on open educational resources (OER) was facilitated by Dr. Funmilayo Doherty in the course of the meeting. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Uduak Inyang-Udoh.

March 10, 2016 – the meeting was called by Dr. Funmilayo Doherty on behalf of the institutional champion. The importance of the meeting was to update champions on the rescheduling of the visit of the COL experts to May 2016. Course uploads issues were also handled. A committee was constituted to look into questionnaire development and survey administration to the target market in the informal sector. They are to come up with a generic survey, language of instruction and market strategies for the non-formal courses being developed. A question and answer on the Blendkit Course was anchored by Mr. John Okewole.

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YCT Research Fair 2015

The College organized a research fair in December 2015. The theme of the fair was Emerging Technology:

Panacea for Societal Challenges. The two-day event featured seminars, presentations and exhibitions.



The keynote was presented by Mr. Rasheed A. Olaoluwa, the MD/CEO of Bank of Industry.



of Industry. The chairman of the event was Mr. Peter. B.

Folikwe, Managing Director, Berger Paints Nigeria Plc.

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