The new Director of the African Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education, English (ARCSSTEE) Dr. Oluremi Fashade has promised to sustain and improve on the existing relationship between the Centre, located at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife and the Federal University of Technology, Akure, especially on the training of Postgraduate students. He made this promise while on a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebiyi Daramola and his management team recently.

An elated Fashade commended his predecessor, Professor J. O. Akinyede for bringing innovation to the Centre through the collaboration between ARCSSTEE and FUTA on the M.Sc programme in Space Research and promised not to only sustain the existing relationship but positively build on it. He said “I want to assured you that the M.Sc programme is laudable and will soon start. By God’s grace, the infrastructure will be in place at Ife very soon and I promise not to renege on the laid down agreement and the existing MoU.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebiyi Daramola congratulated Dr. Fashade on his appointment and urged him to further build a sustainable relationship with FUTA. He described FUTA’s relationship with ARCSSTEE as a mutually beneficial one and reaffirmed FUTA’s track record in local and foreign collaboration with reputable institutions.

Professor Daramola finally assured his guest of his administration’s full support to the Centre. He said “Feel free with us so that we can sustain and build on our relationship. We have total confidence in the Director of CESRA, Professor M. O. Ajewole and we will keep to our side of the collaboration”.

Dr. Fashade had in his team Mrs. Lami Ali-Fadiora (Executive Director, Admin & Finance), Mrs. Mercy Oluwagbamila (Chief Admin. Officer), Mrs. Dorothy Ogundaini (Chief Procurement Officer), Mrs. Shuaib Abdulraheem (Assistant Chief Accountant), and Dr. Olakunle R. Oladosu (Head, Postgraduate Programme). The team was received by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Daramola, Registrar, Dr. (Mrs.) Modupe Ajayi and the CESRA team led by the Director, Professor M. O. Ajewole.