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FUTA ALUMNA HEADS WORLD ENGINEERING ORGANIZATION

In what is undoubtedly an affirmation of hard work, dedication and commitment to the course of Engineering in Africa and world over, an Alumna of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, FUTA, Nigeria, Engineer Valerie Agberagba has been appointed Chair of the Women in Engineering Standing Committee, World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO). This puts her in charge of female Engineers across the world for the next four years. Agberagba, a 1989 graduate of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering of FUTA is also by this appointment the Vice-President of the World Federation of Engineering Organizations and an automatic contributor to global policy formulation. The technocrat who doubles as the Chair of the Federation of African Engineering Organizations had represented Nigeria in the WFEO since 2008 and won the hosting right for the nation to lead 92 other member countries in exploring the effects of Engineering on humanity which is its primary target after a long bid characterized by the presentation of a proposal which was approved by the general assembly in December 2015.

Describing the WFEO, Agberagba said it is a global Organization which caters for Engineers and the profession including its contribution to development in all spheres of life. She said that under her watch the Organization would address many more issues facing the profession to further the course of problem solving. The former Chair of the Association of Professional Women Engineers in Nigeria (2006- 2007) and former Vice- President, Nigeria Society of Engineers for three consecutive years rose through the ranks from a young Quality Control Engineer to an Assistant

Director under the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA). She was a member of the Presidential Task Force on Power organized to drive the reform of the Nigerian power sector. During this period, she was Head of Institutional Continuity Finance and Administration and saw to the smooth running of the Secretariat; and was part of the National Integrated Power Project (NIPP) monitoring team as the Head of Gas and Generation. Agberagba who cited FUTA as her backbone to success noted that the University prepared her for where she is today. She explained that FUTA taught her beyond basic Education to be hardworking, resilient, disciplined, possess integrity and be determined against all odds to succeed. She urged female Engineers to look beyond the bias of men dominating the profession and strive to excel. She encouraged them never to assume the status of second class citizens, rather be willing to learn, see colleagues as helpers irrespective of gender and push themselves beyond limitations through networking and other intellectually challenging means.

The Vice Chancellor Professor Adebisi Daramola said Agberagba's rise to prominence in her chosen profession as again underscored the competence and high scholarship of products of the institution. He said the University will continue to consolidate on the production of high level manpower who will not only drive national development but also able to hold their own anywhere in the world