



FUTA NEWS

FUTA TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE TRANSFORMATION OF NIGERIAN ENERGY SECTOR ...INAUGURATES CRET BOARD

As part of its strategy to contribute its quota to the transformation of the Country's Energy Sector , the Management of the Federal University of Technology, Akure has inaugurated a board for its Centre for Renewable Energy Technology (CRET).Speaking at the inauguration, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Daramola said as a University pursuing the utilization and advancement of technology in Nigeria, the current system of gross inadequacy of power is not only unacceptable but also evidently unsustainable. He said the National life has been negatively affected in very inestimable way, just as economic activities keep getting crippled almost uncontrollably. He said the University was poised to ensure the reversal of the negative trend. "Our first revolutionary step is therefore the establishment of CRET, with a vibrant scholar and reputable Renewable Energy expert, Professor Olurinde Lafe as Director. We have further resolved and have commenced adequate empowerment of the Centre (human and material) for optimal performance. But we also believe the Centre and its Director need a superintending body which shall be giving policy direction and appropriate support to be able to excel. This is why the Management Board of the Centre was constituted and is being inaugurated today," the Vice Chancellor said.

The Board is to superintend activities on Research coordination, grant attraction, grant utilization and project execution on renewable energy; Revenue generation through renewable energy related consultancies, contracts and allied activities of the Centre, Renewable Energy innovations ways to boost the provision of energy on campus. Also it is to in consultation with the University Administration make policies that will enhance the productivity, relevance and fulfillment of the Centre's goals, regularly advise the University Administration as renewable energy related matters on campus and to an annual basis submit a report of performance to the University Administration.

In a response, Board Chairman, Dr. Omotayo Dairo, a medical doctor turned Renewable Energy enthusiast, decried the current state of energy in Nigeria and promised that his Board will work to deliver on its mandate.

Dr. Dairo said “By the grace of God in our first year in office, we promise to deliver and prove FUTA as the best University of Technology in Nigeria. Energy supply in our nation has been epileptic in the past 15 years, we shall do our best to reverse this trend”

In a remark, Director, CRET, Professor Olurinde Lafe said “We promise our best to deliver. FUTA has the best opportunity to show case the way out of our nation’s energy crises because your University is at the frontier of leading in the energy sector. As a top flight University of Technology in the nation with good international link and visionary leader like Professor Daramola, I trust that this University will go places. In the same positive spirit you operate with, we shall key into this and we shall not disappoint you.” Dr. Dairo also commended the quality in FUTA’s students and products. According to him, a number of FUTA products are working with his organization and are doing well. “I am proud of the quality of your products. The ones I have come in contact with are unique and excellent. I give kudos, to the management and staff for imparting these young ones” he concluded.

Lending his voice, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (Academic), Professor Olatunde Arayela said “We have a lot of materials to utilize for renewable energy and we believe CRET will deliver”.

Members	of	the	Board	are:		
Dr.	Tayo	Dairo	-	Chairman		
Director,		CRET	-	Member		
Director,		CENT	-	Member		
Director,		CERAD	-	Member		
Reps	of	SAAT,	SEET,	SOS,	SMAT-	Member
Reps	of		Industry			Member
Registrar’s Nominee - Secretary						