



FUTA VC COMMENDS WOMEN ON NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Women in academics have been commended for their efforts in working for and addressing the issue of national development.

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Professor Adebiyi Daramola gave the commendation at the inaugural meeting of Nigerian Women in Agricultural Research for Development (NIWARD) held at the Centre for Gender Issues in Science and Technology (CEGIST) of FUTA.

Professor Daramola, who stressed that women are strategic stakeholders in the Nation's drive to alleviate poverty, said it is always a thing of joy for him when academics decide to engage in a discourse or deliberations that can lift the society.

The Vice-Chancellor affirmed that FUTA being a University of Technology with very strong presence of scholars in agriculture and related fields believe in and pledged its support for NIWARD.

In her speech, NIWARD National President, Professor Stella Williams said hosting of the meeting by FUTA through CEGIST shows the University's commitment to the creation and objectives of NIWARD. She said the meeting would build a programme that would move the country forward and also empower rural women farmers.

Professor Williams assured that CEGIST will provide the facilitating and enabling environment to support the development of NIWARD.

Representative of the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Abuja, Mrs. Foluke Areola who is also Director of Fisheries in the ministry reiterated the full commitment of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to the programme.

According to her, the ministry is in full support of rural women farmers to enable and empower them to contribute their quota to national development. The meeting, hosted by Dr. (Mrs.) Mojisola Edema, the Acting Director, CEGIST, drew participants from Universities across the country.

Professor Stella Williams ,National President of Nigerian Women In Agricultural Research for Development, NIWARD, Dr Mrs. Modupe Ajayi, Registrar, Professor Adebisi Daramola , Vice Chancellor, Mrs. Foluke Areola ,representative of the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Abuja , Dr Mojisola Edema , Director Centre for Gender Issues in Science and Technology, CEGIST,FUTA and Professor Ibiyinka Fuwape, Dean School of Sciences, during the inaugural meeting of NIWARD held at FUTA