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## **PROFESSOR CHARGES THE YOUTH ON ILLICIT USE OF DRUGS**

Youths across the world have been advised to desist from the use and dependence on drugs to boost performance at any level. Speaking at a parliamentary debate on Youth and Substance abuse at the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Professor (Mrs.) Virginia Ola, Head, Department of General Studies impressed on students the need to steer clear the consumption of hard and smart drugs which have recently been misunderstood to contain vitamins and herbs which improve brain cells, avoid and treat brain damage, increase mental alertness and reduce memory loss.

Reacting to the debate motion for the provision of smart drugs for students on demand by University Health Centres, Professor Ola expressed shock at the dependence of some youths on what they referred to as boosters. She stressed that though there could be immediate and temporary satisfaction, the end product was self destruction.

She called on students not to abuse their brains by staying passive and dependent, charging them to be curious, adventurous, thoughtful and out spoken. She urged them to dig deep for positive knowledge with the intention to become world problem solvers. She encouraged them to be great listeners and researchers in order to develop the language and carriage to address emerging issues, particularly those affecting young people, the nation and the world at large.

The debate was characterized by arguments from parliamentarians which left the opposition of the motion highlighting over dose, over dependence, excessive drug circulation and abuse as some of the effects of the use of smart drugs.

