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FUTA VICE CHANCELLOR WANTS CONCERTED FIGHT AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

A nation that will develop must avoid gender based violence. The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Akure Professor Adebisi Daramola stated this while addressing audience at the close of a special programme tagged 16 days of activism against gender violence held at the CCE Hilltop Auditorium of the institution under the auspices of the Centre for Gender Issues in Science and Technology (CEGIST).

Professor Daramola, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (Development), Professor Tolulope Akinbogun said "Violence against women is a pervasive human rights violation, a public health crisis and an obstacle to equality, development, security and peace. The terms violence against women and

gender-based violence are used to refer to the range of abuses such as dating violence, domestic and intimate partner violence, emotional abuse, human trafficking, sexual assault and violence against women at work. Most of the violence committed against women stem from denial of gender equality, in which women are deprived of some fundamental rights." Professor Daramola out rightly condemned any act of gender violence.

On FUTA's stand on the gender violence issue, Daramola said "as an Institution that is renowned and revered for the promotion a violence free environment, we identify with the struggle to end gender-based violence and lend our voice to the international campaign led by the first Women's Global Leadership Institute."

Addressing the gathering, the Associate Director, CEGIST Dr. (Mrs.) Helen Ogunsuyi said Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is a global problem of pandemic proportions. Quoting the United Nations' record she said "one in three women will be beaten, raped, scolded or abused in her lifetime. It is realized that most of the gender health challenges are twined with the traumatic effects of violence suffered commonly by women". However, the don said violence, which is an

offshoot of injustice and inequalities can be curtailed through understanding and involvement of all stakeholders.

Presentation on topics like *Advancing Women's Health in a Violence Free Society*, *Promoting Gender Health: Role of Male Mentors and Role of State Actors in Protecting Nigerian Youths against violence* were made by experts at the gathering..