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WOMEN IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH TASK YOUNG GIRLS ON CAREER

Representatives of African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD), Federal University of Technology, Akure recently organized a role modeling event for female students of Apostolic High School, Ilara-Mokin. The role modeling event is one of the statutory components of the AWARD fellowship, which supports a fellow to give back to her society through the skills learnt during the fellowship. In his opening remarks, Chairman of the occasion, Professor Olubode Olumuyiwa Ajayi said “Women all over the world have achieved remarkable feats in every sphere of life ranging from politics, medicine, science and education.” He said the essence of acquiring education is to excel in life and thus implored the students to work hard in order to carve a niche for themselves in their future endeavors. Professor Ajayi stressed the need for students to emulate people who are goal getters and to be of good behavior while obtaining their certificates.

While speaking on the topic: Girl Child: A Golden Pearl for Nation’s Growth, AWARD mentor and Professor of Microbiology, Professor (Mrs.) Tinuola Adebolu said the event was specifically organized to address the fundamental impediments to the advancement of female education in the society and the adverse implication of such ills on national development. She said current trends have shown that the female gender has become enviable and that the multitasking ability of women makes them play a critical role in nation building.

Olubodun urged the students not to be only preoccupied with childbearing but strive to excel to and to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. She encouraged the girls to lay the

foundation for the future in the present by imbibing the values of diligence, hard work and determination. Corroborating her, Dr. (Mrs.) Helen Ogunsuyi, who coordinated the event, while speaking on Transforming Nigeria energy sector through Green Revolution said women held in their hands the key to unravel every challenge confronting the nation. She said women have the in-built capacity to proffer solutions to any knotty issue in the economy especially the energy sector. In her discourse Ogunsuyi explained that 80% of the energy in the world comes from coal and petroleum pointing out that the over exploitation of petroleum products has given rise to the need for alternative sources of energy. She further disclosed that developing other forms of clean energy such bio-based fuels will promote cultivation of greens, enhance food security, discourage deforestation and create employment opportunities.

Dr. (Mrs.) Ogunsuyi told the students that she was one of them being an indigene of Ilara-Mokin, she also urged them not to relent in their academic pursuits but to aspire to change the world with their innate resources. Another AWARD fellow, Dr. (Mrs.) Lydia Adeleke admonished the students to shun advances of the opposite sex and be determined to succeed despite any setbacks that they may encounter in the course of their study.

In the same vein, Principal of Apostolic High School, Ilara-Mokin Mr. Michael Adeyanju encouraged the students to face their academics squarely and not indulge in any activities that will derail or distract them. The event attracted Academic and non-academic staff of the Federal University of Technology, Akure and staff of the Apostolic High School, Ilara-Mokin.