



Newsletter

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Rector's Greeting



Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) is our priority at Yaba College of Technology. The UNEVOC Centre was

instituted to showcase and inform on best practices in TVET and how we are preparing our students for the world of work. Keep reading the newsletter to be informed and educated as we transform our nation and our world with the subject of TVET. Thank you.

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Dr. Folorunso takes charge at YCT UNEVOC Center



The YCT UNEVOC Center witnessed a change of baton as a new Coordinator was appointed for the center by the Rector Dr. (Mrs.) M. K. Ladipo. He is Dr. Folorunso Olufemi Ayinde. Before this appointment, Dr. Folorunso is a Principal Lecturer and Chairman for College Standing Committee on Students'

Payments Reconciliation, former Chairman of the School of Technology Examination Misconducts Investigation Committee, ASUP Representative on the floor of the Academic Board and has acted as HOD in Computer Technology department many times.

His appointment takes effect from February 12th 2017 following the completion of the tenure of the former Coordinator Dr. (Mrs.) Funmilayo Doherty.

He has the following academic qualifications:

- B.Sc (Ed) (Mathematics) – OAU Ile-Ife -- 1992

- PGD (Computer Science) – UNILAG -- 1996

- M.Sc (Computer Science) – UNILAG -- 1997

- Ph.D (Computer Science) – UTM, Malaysia -- 2011

He is a member of the Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria (CPN) and the Institute for Learning – United Kingdom. He is married with children.

International Women's Day 2017

Yaba College of Technology joined other women across the world to commemorate the 2017 International Women's Day. The day was marked with a symposium featuring various

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A challenge established for women across the world is the hashtag #BeBoldForChange.

In Yaba College of Technology, the event was coordinated by the Women in Technical Education (WITED) and the UNEVOC Centre. In attendance were women in the College comprising academic and non-academic staff and students. The Rector -

Tackling the Green Skills Mismatch

As a move to create awareness on Inclusive Green Economy, harvest useful ideas from the public and in line with preparation for the Second Ministerial conference on Green Economy, the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) organized a challenge to collect ideas on tackling Green Skills Mismatch. The challenge accepted entries that proffers solutions and ideas that addresses the challenge of matching the supply of skills in the workforce with changing demands from the private and public sectors. The best candidates will get a free ticket to Berlin, Germany to pitch their case to an experienced advisory panel. Information about the challenge and the conditions for entries were publicized on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) website <https://www.un-page.org/node/287>



UNESCO-UNEVOC hosts Virtual Conference on Finance in TVET

The UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre organized the first virtual conference in 2017 themed "Finance in TVET: Diversifying sources of funding for TVET"

The conference took place from 16 to 22 January 2017 on the UNESCO-UNEVOC TVeT Forum.

According to the International Centre, given the



importance of finance in TVET today, and trends in diversifying the sources of funding for TVET, this virtual conference addressed the following questions:

What are the main advantages and risks of output-based funding strategies? How should output-based systems be designed to function appropriately?

How can training providers be supported in developing income generating activities? What are

Ashinaga Africa Initiative 2017

The UNEVOC Centre announced widely to the College community about the Ashinaga Africa Initiative 2017 scholarship opportunity for a select type of the students - those who have lost one or both of their parents were the core audience the scholarship was directed to.

The Ashinaga Africa Initiative which began in 2014 and has a mission to contribute to Sub-Saharan Africa's expanding role in global development through increasing access to higher education abroad support orphaned students (who have lost one or both

parents) under the age of 23 and are committed to returning home and initiating change by providing full financial support for studying at university abroad (equivalent to an undergraduate degree). This will include tuition, accommodation, travel costs and other necessary fees.

Ashinaga is a Japan-based nonprofit organization, which provides educational and emotional support to orphaned students. The organization has supported over 95,000 orphans in the last 45 years and many of its graduates are actively contributing to society in a variety of fields across the world.

The link of the organization and application is below: https://www.jotform.com/AshinagaAAI/Application_Form_2017_En

The Internet and Social Media: Exploring the Opportunities, Utilizing the Benefits

In line with the theme of the 2017 International Women's Day, a seminar on the Internet and Social Media was organized. He started with a history of the Internet from the Cold War to the DARPA project in the 1960s.

He proceeded by outlining on statistics about the Internet indicating that it had grown from 400 million users worldwide in the year 2000 to over 4 billion users in 2016. From this extraordinary stats he reflected on Nigeria's Internet trend too that the country has about 97 million people connected to the Internet out of about 180 million people in the country. The prevalent uses of the Internet in Nigeria were outlined as: to learn, to work and to play. All of these statistics were presented to educate users about the huge opportunities that abound in investing in Internet businesses. He then discussed about Social Media sites, their uses and opportunities. Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Blogging were discussed extensively processes that can be used to generate income on those platforms were outlined.

The audience gave him a rousing applause for the information he had delivered to them.



ICT as a Tool for Women Empowerment

On the occasion of the International Women's Day (IWD2017), the keynote was presented by Dr.(Mrs.) F. A. Oladeji, the acting HOD, Computer Science, University of Lagos. The title of her presentation was ICT as a Tool for Women Empowerment. Her presentation swiftly and concisely dealt with the topic



from the definition of a woman, the African perspective about woman and how all of these impact empowerment. She defined empowerment as conferment of authority, vesting of right rightful permission to do something. She then started to present statistics of ICT usage in Lagos Nigeria and how women and girls have been left out. Concluding a resounding presentation, she gave the following cardinal points:

- The paradigm shift in operational activities from manual to digital echoes the call of ICT usage. As technology advances to Internet of things, the skills needed to function successfully in any cadre of work have gone beyond the mere certification to ICT skill acquaintance.
- Empowerment efforts need to be corroborated with adoption of ICT tools for faster communication to the society by leaders. This call for e-governance in every facet of governance.
- The qualities and authority conferred on women are affirmed if gender factor of digital divide is balanced.
- All empowerment should be geared towards studying, monitoring and mentoring the use of ICT tools for positive growth in Nigeria because the digital strength of today determines the Nigeria's digital future especially as the world is progressively moving towards Internet of things. The audience were very pleased with the resourceful presentation by Dr. Oladeji.

Yaba College of Technology hosts Bursars' Conference 2017

The Bursars' Conference of Nigeria (BURSCON 2017) & 30th Quaterly Meeting of the Association of Bursars of Polytechnics & Colleges of Technology was hosted by Yaba College of Technology from March 15-17, 2017.

At the opening ceremony, the Rector of the College Dr. M. K. Ladipo welcomed the participants to the event. In her speech delivered by the Deputy Rector (Academics), Dr. O. T. Oyelola, she congratulated members of the new executives of BURSCON on their recent appointment.

The opening ceremony also had a speech from the Special Guest of Honour Mr. J. B. Akeju, former Bursar of the Yaba College of Technology.

The event had in attendance bursars from a host of the polytechnics and colleges of technology across the country. All the principal officers of the College were present at the opening ceremony.

Proceedings were concluded with a Gala Nite at the Yaba College of Technology Restaurant.

Fund for Gender Equality

The UN Women, a United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women offers Fund for Gender Equality.

The Fund provides grants on a competitive basis within the following thematic areas:

1. Women's economic empowerment – to increase women's access to and control over decision-making, land, technology, credit, livelihoods and other means of production and social protection.
2. Women's political empowerment – to support women in taking on leadership roles and participating more fully in political processes and in all spheres of public life. Young women leaders are also a particular focus.

Please follow the link below to learn more:

[Http://www.yabatechunevoc.org/tvet/187-unwomen-ge-17](http://www.yabatechunevoc.org/tvet/187-unwomen-ge-17)

Join the TVET conversation across the world now

TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) conversations are ongoing on the UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre's TVET Forum platform. You can join the conversation by through the following simple steps: .

- Go to <http://www.unevoc.unesco.org/go.php> - Click Register visible on the upper corner



- Fill the form and make sure the Institution is filled e.g. Yaba College of Technology - On the UNESCO-UNEVOC Bulletin, check English



- Complete the remaining details and submit
- Follow the instructions shown after submitting and check your email for more information. Don't hesitate, join TVET Forum now. The information is also on this link <http://www.yabatechunevoc.org/home/join-tvet-forum>

UNESCO-UNEVOC hosts Virtual Conference on Finance in TVET cont'd

the advantages and risks involved? Should these activities be regulated, and if yes, how?

How can the tax / levy imposed on companies be managed and used efficiently? More generally, what are the possible approaches to support lifelong learning strategies?

Besides the implementation of training levies, are there other convincing approaches to mobilize funding for skills development?

TVET stakeholders across the world participated in the week long event. The College was also represented on the deliberation platform.

[Http://www.unevoc.unesco.org/go.php?q=Upcoming%20virtual%20conference%20on%20sources%20of%20financing%20in%20TVET](http://www.unevoc.unesco.org/go.php?q=Upcoming%20virtual%20conference%20on%20sources%20of%20financing%20in%20TVET)

Opportunities for Africans

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| 1. | UNESCO/ISED Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme 2017 | http://www.unesco.org/new/en/fellowships/programmes/unescoised-co-sponsored-fellowships-programme | 17-Apr-2017 |
| 2. | Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships for Developing Countries | http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/distance-learning/info-candidates/
https://www.youthop.com/scholarships/commonwealth-distance-learning-scholarships-developing-countries | 12-May-2017 |
| 3. | Adelaide Scholarships International (ASI) | http://www.adelaide.edu.au/graduatecentre/scholarships/research-international/opportunities/adelaide-scholarship-international/ | 30 April, 2017 |
| 4. | Study in Italy: University of Pavia CICOPS Scholarships for Developing Countries | http://www.unipv.eu/site/en/home/international-relations/cooperation-and-development/cicops-scholarships/articolo1060.html | 31 May, 2017 |
| 5. | Call for Grant Proposals - John Paul Usman Award for Civic Leadership | http://bit.ly/jpuaward | 14 April, 2017 |
| 6. | ZAV ambitious, smart, dedicated and passionate youth entrepreneur Programme 2017 | http://zundefund.org/about/ | 1 May, 2017 |
| 7. | Application for the Young Global Changers Scholarship Programme | http://registration.global-solutions.international/scholarship/scholarship-application | May 28 - 31, 2017 |
| 8. | Scratch 2017 @ Budapest Scratch Software Conference | https://events.epam.com/events/scratch-2017 | August 24, 2017 - August 25, 2017 |
| 9. | School Enterprise Challenge 2017 | http://www.schoolenterprisechallenge.org/join/registration-form-2017/ | Open |
| 10. | Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition! | https://www.entrepreneurship-campus.org/ | 31-May-2017 |
| 11. | Free Entrepreneurship Online Training | https://www.entrepreneurship-campus.org/groups/entrepreneurship-campus/courses/ | Open |
| 12. | Go Green in the City 2017 | http://www.gogreeninthecity.com/ | May 12, 2017 |

International Women's Day 2017 cont'd

Dr.(Mrs.) M. K. Ladipo was represented by the Deputy Rector (Academic) Dr. (Mrs.) O. T. Oyelola. In her speech, the Rector admonished women to take the challenge as change agents in the community. The WITED Coordinator Dr.(Mrs.) Popoola, welcomed guest and outlined how the organization is leading the charge of women to meet the 50-50 challenge for women in every area of life starting from the home to the College community etc. Other guests at the event include Directors and Deans of Units and Departments of the College.