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**WORKSHOP FOR THE TRAINING OF TVET TEACHERS ON CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ECOWAS REGION
NORTHERN NIGERIA
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The Third Conference of ECOWAS Ministers of Education and the 36th Ordinary Session of the Authority of ECOWAS Heads of State and Government both recommended the revitalization of Technical and Vocational Education and Training in the ECOWAS region. Towards that end, a UNESCO-ECOWAS Workshop on revitalizing TVET was held at Abuja in August 2009 which made concrete recommendations on the training of TVET teachers, policy, as well as curriculum development. The ECOWAS Commission on its part commenced the implementation of the recommendations of the Abuja workshop by embarking on a major drive to train core teams of TVET teachers in the 15 Member States to upgrade the professional and pedagogical skills of technical teachers and curriculum developers. For the ECOWAS Commission, these trainings are an important contribution to its priority programme of promoting TVET and the implementation of its Plan of Action on education and training in the sub-region. Specifically, the trainings will fit into the ECOWAS protocol on TVET which encourages the joint development and exchange of training materials, the exchange of experiences and ideas between programme planners, teachers and trainers.

Following a planning meeting held at Kaduna, Nigeria in July 2010 and an induction workshop for selected International Resource Persons held at Lome, Togo in August 2010, the Directorate for Education, Culture,



Workshop Participants, Kaduna



Working Session, Kaduna

Science and Technology of the ECOWAS Commission launched a series of training workshops for TVE technical teachers and curriculum developers in all Member States starting with Niger, Nigeria (North and South), Burkina Faso, Gambia and Ghana.

In Nigeria, the ECOWAS Commission in cooperation with the National Board for Technical Education, NBTE organised two workshops for the “Training of Technical Teachers on TVE Curriculum and Instructional Material Development”, the first for the Northern Nigerian States held from 27 September to 8 October 2010 and the second for the Southern Nigerian States held from 4 to 15 October 2010. The first workshop was held at the UNESCO-Nigeria TVE Centre of Excellence in Kaduna, the second at the NBTE-UNESCO Staff Development Centre at Yaba College of Technology, Lagos.

In each case 30 participants selected from among lecturers and teachers from Polytechnics, Technical Colleges, Colleges of Education (Technical), and regulatory agencies such as NBTE, NABTEB and the Federal Ministry of Education attended the workshops. Training at the two workshops were facilitated by resource persons assigned by ECOWAS Commission and NBTE. They included the Lead Resource Person Dr. Hashim Abdul-Wahab, International Resource Persons: Mr. Abbati Muhammad and Mr. Musa Abdul and National Resource Persons Dr. Duro Demisa, Mr. Joseph Falade, Mr. Musa Ibrahim and Mr. Patrick Igwilo.

The programme of the workshops consisted of plenary sessions to review the available UNESCO-Nigeria curricula and instructional material and full working sessions to develop new curricula and instructional materials using the UNESCO Standard Curriculum Formats as well as hands-on proactive sessions for group work and presentations. Soft copies of over 600 textbooks and training material and examples of nearly 160 curricula developed under various UNESCO projects from Nigeria, Libya, Ethiopia and Bahrain were made available to all the participants

Over the two weeks of the workshops the participants



Presentations by Participants



Closing Ceremony, Kaduna Workshop



Workshop Participants, Yaba College of Technology, Lagos

guided by the Resource Persons worked in groups according to their specialisations to develop their own curricula and samples of instructional materials. All the material produced were in digital format for possible use in e-learning or blended learning delivery. At the end of the first week the participants made presentations of the curricula they developed and at the end of the second week similar presentations were made of the instructional material developed for interactive discussions.

In Kaduna, the workshop opening and closing ceremonies were attended by the Acting Executive Secretary of NBTE, Mr. Ade Aimola and ECOWAS representative, Ms. Ruby David. At Yaba College of Technology (YCT), Lagos the opening and closing ceremonies were attended by the Acting Rector of the College, Dr. (Mrs.) Harriet Akubuiro and representative ECOWAS Commission Mr. Osei Tutu.

At the close of each of the workshops the participants were presented with Certificates of Participation from the ECOWAS Commission.



Workshop Opening, Yaba College of Technology, Lagos



Workshop in Progress, Yaba College of Technology, Lagos