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A Training of Trainers workshop organised by UNESCO-Nigeria Technical and Vocational Education Revitalisation Project, Phase II, to train teams of core trainers for staff development was held at the Staff Development Centre (SDC) at Federal Polytechnic Bauchi from Monday 20 July and concluded on Friday 25 July 2008.

This activities herald the launching of implementation of the new phase of the UNESCO-Nigeria Project “Support for Revitalising Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in Nigeria – Phase II”. The network of seven Staff Development Centres (SDCs) that were established during the first phase of the project is being expanded through the establishment of six additional ones at: 1) Delta State Polytechnic, Otefe-Ogharra, 2) Kano State Polytechnic, Kano, 3) Akanu Ibiam Federal Polytechnic, Unwana, 4) Federal Polytechnic, Ilaro, 5) Federal Polytechnic, Idah, 6) Federal Polytechnic, Damaturu

The aim of the this workshop was to train selected qualified and experienced TVE staff to become part of core teams of trainers that are to coordinate and conduct training activities at the Project’s new and existing SDCs in the Northern States. Another workshop will follow for trainers from the Southern States of Nigeria and will be held at Yaba College of Technology, Lagos. The programme of the workshop focused on modern teaching/learning techniques, training needs assessment, developing an enterprise culture, developing school, industry and community links and competence based assessment schemes.

40 participants from the three Northern Geopolitical Zones were selected from among Lecturers and Principal Lecturers from the various Polytechnics in the three zones from the new and existing SDCs.

Two widely experienced international consultants, Mr Philip Read and William Sutcliffe from the United Kingdom were recruited by UNESCO to facilitate the training under the supervision and coordination of UNESCO Lead Consultant, Dr. Hashim Abdul-Wahab, who has been with the Project since the Phase I.

The opening ceremony was attended by the Representative of the Governor of the Bauchi State, Director of Education, Rector of Bauchi Polytechnic and Representative of the Executive Secretary of the National Board for Technical Education NBTE.

At the closing session of the workshop the participants were presented with ‘Certificates of Participation’. From the general evaluation of the workshop the participants expressed their high satisfaction at the proceeding, content and outcomes of the workshop.

