

AN ADDRESS PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COLLEGE OF NIGERIA (ASCON), MRS. C. U. GAYYA, mni, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT, WEST AFRICAN MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTES NETWORK (WAMDEVIN) AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL, AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE TRAIN-THE-TRAINERS' COURSE ORGANISED BY WAMDEVIN FOR STAFF OF WAMDEVIN MDIs IN THE WEST AFRICAN SUB-REGION HELD AT ASCON, TOPO-BADAGRY ON 21ST MAY - 1ST JUNE, 2018

The Executive Secretary WAMDEVIN
Directors of Studies & Heads of Departments Here present
Director of Admin. and Human Resources
Distinguished Resource Persons
Management and Staff of ASCON
Our Esteemed Course Participants
Invited Guests
Ladies and Gentlemen

It is with great pleasure and profound gratitude to the Almighty God that I, on behalf of the President, West African Management Development Institutes Network (WAMDEVIN), Hon. Bill Twehway of Liberia Institute of Public Administration (LIPA), and the entire Executive Committee of the Network stand before you this evening on this special occasion marking the formal closing ceremony of a two-week Train- The-Trainers' Course for staff of member institutions of the West African Management Development Institutes Network (WADMDEVIN).

I want to thank the President of WAMDEVIN for accepting to use ASCON as the host institution for the course. Also to be appreciated is the Executive Secretary (WAMDEVIN) for working assiduously to organise this training in spite of all odds.

Distinguished graduating participants, recall that when this Course was flagged off two weeks ago, you were informed that the training was aimed at addressing the training needs of member institutes in response to the outcome of the Training Needs Assessment (TNA) carried out by WAMDEVIN for its MDIs. I have no doubt that you have updated, reinforced or acquired useful and relevant knowledge, skills, or insights

from this course. I however wish to state that acquiring knowledge, skills etc. is just the beginning and only a small part of the reason for learning. I therefore urge you to make every effort to apply the knowledge, skills, insights and ideas that you have acquired from this training for the benefit of your organizations in particular and countries at large.

Distinguished participants, I congratulate you for the successful completion of the course and for the high level of maturity you demonstrated throughout the period of the course. I wish you God's guidance and protection as you return to your various destinations.

On this note, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my honour and privilege to declare this training closed to the glory of God.

Thank you.

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