

An Address Presented by the Executive Secretary of The West African Management Development Institutes Network (WAMDEVIN) Dr. Samuel Kolawole Olowe, on the Occasion of the Closing Ceremony of the First Run of Train-The-Trainers' Course for Participants of WAMDEVIN MDIs Held on Friday, 1st June 2018 at ASCON, Topo-Badagry, Lagos, Nigeria

The 1st Vice President, WAMDEVIN &

Director-General, ASCON

Deputy Director General & Head of Academics,
Management Development Institute, The Gambia

Directors of Studies & HODs Here Present

Directing Staff Here Present

Distinguished Resource Persons

Our Course Participants

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is with great delight and profound gratitude to the Almighty God that I stand before you this morning on this special occasion, which marks the formal closing of the first-run of Train the Trainers' Course for participants of WAMDEVIN MDIs in the West African sub-region. There is no doubt that this programme has come a long way. When this training was flagged off on the 21st May, 2018, it looked like its conclusion was far off in the distant future but here we are today to officially declare the programme closed.

Like I did mention in my opening address, this course was organized to address the professional deficiencies in the Management Development Institutes with a view to strengthening the operational efficiency of the training functions of our faculty staff across the sub-region.

I want to appreciate the high level of involvement by the participants, throughout the duration of the course. I congratulate the graduating participants for this show of enthusiasm in their career development. There is no gain saying the fact that participants have been equipped with new knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for improved performance on the job.

Let me at this juncture remind graduating participants that one of the major challenges thrust on them after the completion of this programme is to make deliberate effort to transfer their learning to the work situation in order to improve their performance and the overall performance of their organizations otherwise, they would lose the opportunity to add value to their organizations and secondly, lose what they have learnt. A Kenyan adage says, "Wealth if you use it, comes to an end; learning if you use it, increases". I admonish you to continually seek for more knowledge as this will give you an edge over your contemporaries and make you stand out of the crowd at all times. Thanks to the internet in this 21st century.

It is also very apt to point out here that WAMDEVIN has not only improved the knowledge of the participants on this course but has also gone extra mile to make as a donation to every participant on this course a wireless power presenter. This is with a view to making our participants trainers of 21st Century in the use of modern technology for effective and dynamic delivery.

Distinguished graduating participants, I want to reiterate the need to make every effort to put whatever knowledge, skills, insights and ideas you have acquired from this course to use for the benefit of your MDIs and that of the country at large.

I want to thank the CEOs of your MDIs for providing this platform for you to broaden your horizon, an experience which will be beneficial to you as individuals and ultimately impact positively on your organizations.

This speech would not be complete without expressing my heartfelt gratitude to the 1st Vice President (WAMDEVIN) and Director-General (ASCON) Mrs. C. U. Gayya, mni for all her support at ensuring the success of this course. All her invaluable contributions before, and throughout the training are very much appreciated. I also thank you for the provision of a very serene and comfortable environment for the course.

Distinguished participants, I also appreciate you for all your attention and cooperation throughout the period of the course. Congratulations on the successful completion of the course.

As you return to your destinations, I pray for God's guidance and protection and wish you a very safe and successful trip back home.

Thank you for listening and God bless you all.

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