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## **NIGERIA, EFFURUN, DELTA STATE**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY THE PRINCIPAL/CHIEF EXECUTIVE, PETROLEUM TRAINING INSTITUTE (PTI), PROF. SUNNY E. IYUKE ON THURSDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2016 ON THE OCCASION OF LEARNING MANAGERS' WORKSHOP OF OIL/GAS AND ALLIED COMPANIES AND PTI MANAGEMENT HELD AT ELION HOUSE, DOLPHIN ESTATE, IKOYI, LAGOS.**

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THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, NAPIMS,  
MANAGEMENT OF PTI,  
LEARNING MANAGERS OF OIL/GAS AND ALLIED COMPANIES,  
THE GUEST LECTURER, Dr. Akpofure Rime Rukeh  
DISTINGUISHED PARTICIPANTS,  
GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.**

It is with great delight and honour that I welcome you all to the 2016 2<sup>nd</sup> bi-annual workshop of Learning Managers of Oil/Gas and Allied Companies and PTI Management which today is being graciously hosted by NAPIMS.

This workshop is very dear to me, being the first time to interface with learning Managers of the oil and gas industry following my appointment as the substantive Principal/Chief Executive of the PTI. From the records, I also observed that the workshop is held as scheduled this year. This is an indication that the oil companies are determined to support the Petroleum Training Institute to achieve its goals as the training and manpower development arm of the industry.

May I thank all participants who have travelled far and wide to participate in today's workshop. I have no doubt in my mind that your presence is a sign of your

commitment, not only to PTI but to the petroleum industry and your desire to take it to the next level of growth and relevance.

It is a common knowledge that the PTI is statutorily saddled with the responsibility of developing competent technical manpower for the oil and gas sector and to carrying out research into oil and gas related activities, processes and products from upstream, midstream and downstream. Today's workshop is part of your collaborative effort at enhancing her effectiveness through intellectual exchange and bridging the needs gap. It is against this background that learning Managers and Stakeholders have convened to brainstorm and develop a synergy between PTI and the industries. This workshop also provides a platform to collectively strategise to identify the challenges facing the oil and gas sector such as dearth of technical manpower, obsolete legislation, amongst others.

In view of the multifarious challenges currently confronting the oil and gas sector, we cannot stand aloof from what is happening in the country. We must key into the change mantra of this present administration. Therefore, it is the statutory responsibility of all stakeholders to join forces with the Institute to train technologists and technicians of sub professional level who can apply theoretical and practical knowledge to produce the desired results. I wish to state at this juncture, that PTI has an enviable track record in the development of competent technical human capital for the nation's oil and gas sector. I wish to reiterate that under the new PTI Management, the Petroleum Training Institute will be transformed to a world class Institute that will train and provide competent manpower required for the operations of the oil/gas and allied companies in and around the globe.

My Management team and I are determined to transform the PTI to be responsive to the needs of the industry. To this end, we have developed a road map to galvanize the PTI into activities of realizing its training and research mandate. The Institute will review its programmes and ensure the PTI certificate; HND and ND remain relevant to the needs of the oil and gas sector locally and

internationally. Programmes of the Institute will be upgraded with provision of e-classrooms in collaboration with international Universities.

In the area of Research and Development (R&D), we will carry out research in Nigerian Refineries, Exploration and Production, metering, midstream and the entire value of the downstream oil and gas operations. Besides obtaining license for modular and Micro-refinery, the Institute will also carry out research and investment in Renewable Energy such as Bio- ethanol, Solar, Wind, etc.

To realizing these laudable goals require huge funds. This is where Private Public Partnership (PPP) and active support from the international oil companies and oil industry stakeholders will be needed.

On ICT, we are in a technology-driven world. So for effectiveness and efficiency, and for the fact that PTI is a technological Institute, we must use cutting edge technology for training, learning, and research to enhance all operations. I am delighted to inform the workshop that strategic development will be launched to digitalize the Petroleum Training Institute, tagged 'DIPTI'. DIPTI will be a place of new beginning; the project is really about youth, creating jobs of the future, and creating a space for digital innovation.

The project will provide forum where all courses are digitized for e-platform applications and delivery; Certification of Technologists and Technicians; Students Experimental Training; Intellectual and Technology transfer; and Staff Training for Certificate in Telecommunications Policy, Regulation and Management (TPRM).

It is our hope that the upgraded PTI will look for organizations that will not only partner with the DiPTI but to grow the Institute into the future, but will also derive benefits from being involved in the PTI in general. Please, let us join hand to develop this project.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, may I inform you that the Institute has collaboration with the Ministry of Energy, Benin Republic to train her personnel in petroleum and gas processing, Petroleum and Geosciences and in Petroleum and Business Studies. The first batch of trainees has arrived the Institute.

We hope to strive very hard to place the PTI at the right advantage to maintain the leadership as the training centre of Excellence. However, this cannot be achieved in isolation, but with the collective contributions from this workshop.

I wish to use this rear opportunity to respectfully invite you to the PTI 2016 Convocation Ceremony holding on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, at the PTI Conference Centre, Effurun, Delta State.

I wish to once again, sincerely thank NAPIMS for playing host to this workshop. I also appreciate other companies who have played host to the workshop and those who will host in the future. I sincerely appreciate all participants who are in today's workshop.

I join NAPIMS to welcome you all to Lagos. I cherish your presence and thank you profoundly for honouring our invitation. I wish all of us very fruitful deliberations.

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