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## **COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE WORKSHOP OF LEARNING MANAGERS OF OIL/GAS AND ALLIED COMPANIES AND PTI MANAGEMENT HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2016 AT THE PTDF TOWERS, PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT FUND, (PTDF), ABUJA.**

The following resolutions were reached at the Learning Managers' Workshop of the Oil/Gas and Allied Companies and PTI Management which was hosted by the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) at the PTDF Towers, Abuja on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

The workshop noted the following:

1. That the Learning Managers Workshop provided a viable platform for sharing knowledge and ideas on the challenges confronting the Oil and Gas industry with a view to exploring viable solutions towards addressing these challenges.
2. That Nigeria was ranked as having the 9<sup>th</sup> largest Gas reserves in the world having over One Hundred and Eighty-Seven Trillion cubic feet (187,000,000,000,000 ft<sup>3</sup>) of Gas and urged the Oil and Gas Industry to create innovative ways in harnessing this enormous potential.
3. That a good pipeline integrity management system would go a long way in managing the pipelines and preventing losses. The workshop concluded that vandalism of pipeline coupled with massive corrosion are the major challenges confronting pipeline management in the country and recommended that to manage pipelines effectively, Nigeria must grow its domestic Gas market, bridge the supply gap issues in the supply chain by reducing gas flaring for higher gas recovery to meet power needs, stimulation of investment in hydrocarbon pipeline gathering system, ensure enhanced domestic pipelines security operations, safety and control of vandalism, criminal activity, aerial surveillance among others.
4. That to effectively curtail losses due to pipeline vandalism, Nigeria must overcome the toxic and explosive relationship between the Government, corporate establishments and their host communities.
5. The workshop identified the Petroleum Training Institute as a veritable agency for mediation between Government, corporate bodies and host communities to achieving lasting industrial harmony through public enlightenment, technical skills acquisition programmes, competency building for the youth and conflict resolution workshop.

6. The workshop urged the Government to hasten the passage of the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) to attract the requisite Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into the Oil and Gas Industry.
7. Government should activate the steel industry in order to establish the basic steel infrastructure for easy access to steel products and its auxiliary facilities for effective pipeline management.
8. The workshop commended the efforts of the Government on its crusade against corruption and urged Government to utilize the facilities and man power of PTI for fingerprinting of crude and Products of the Oil and Gas industry for environmental management, in its attempts at curtailing corruption and sharp practices.
9. The workshop encouraged the Petroleum Training Institute to develop a comprehensive programme in Pipeline Engineering towards the effective management of pipelines in the country.
10. The workshop urged the Government to enact relevant legislations and provide sustainable enforcement structures in ensuring the protection of the nation's pipelines. It was reiterated that all stakeholders should partner in conjunction with the National Assembly for the promulgation of requisite laws against pipeline vandalism and their implementation.
11. The workshop urged the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) to engage the services of Petroleum Training Institute (PTI) in ensuring that petroleum products imported into the country meet acceptable standards in terms of safety, quality and customer expectations.

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