

Uganda National Oil Company Seeks Collaboration with PTI For Manpower Training

A delegation of the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC) led by Catherine Tumuaime on Tuesday, in collaboration with the Nigeria Content Development Management Board, NCDMB, visited the Petroleum Training Institute, PTI, Effurun Delta State, to finetune arrangements on how they can collaborate and work out modalities to strengthen the National building effort in the Oil and gas sector of the Uganda economy.

Tumuaime, the Head of the Uganda, delegation stated in her bilateral address that Uganda being a baby in the Oil and gas industry, they are in Nigeria which have come a long way in the oil industry. Tumuaime explained that they are in Nigeria to learn and grow in the Process as they truly want to benefit from the available National Content and Manpower Training Capacity and Research Potential domiciled in the Petroleum Training Institute PTI Effurun Delta State.

Tumuaime, the Chief Human Resource Officer (CHRO) of Uganda National Oil Company in her official Statement at the Council Chamber of the Petroleum Training Institute PTI during the visit, told the PTI Management Board that, they came to the Institute through the NCDMB to formalize the process of what need to be done for Uganda National Oil Company to qualify for a collaborative engagement in different sectors of the Oil and gas industry, adding that they have actually started a Petroleum Training Institute , but so far they are nowhere compared to what they have seen in PTI, hence they are eager and willing to learn.

The UNOC Human Resource boss explained that Nigeria being a long time Oil Producing nation with the relevant expertise, the Uganda National Oil Company want the collaboration with PTI to involve Training of their personnel so that the Ugandan People after the Training can go back home with the experience they gathered here in PTI to man their relatively new Petroleum industry in Uganda. Tumuaime, who stated that the collaborative effort will come to fruition by the grace of God, expressed optimism that with what she has seen in the Process of the visit, the Uganda delegation is in the right place to get proper guidance to grow their oil and gas potential for accelerated development of the East African nation.

Jessica Kyeyune, the National Coordinator of Uganda National Oil Company who also Spoke stated that the Uganda nation is interested in the collaboration in both upstream and downstream because already they have Projects going on at various level of construction. She stressed that they need collaboration with Nigeria through PTI to deepen their experience in the Petroleum industry. She said in her words: "UNOC want to follow the general practice of how Nigeria went through the ropes to get to where the nation is today in Oil and gas Production while we learn through the Process."

She commended NCDMB for interfacing between Uganda National Oil Company and the Petroleum Training Institute in making the meeting a reality.

Tassalla Tersugh, the Head of the NCDMB delegation who represented Engr Felix Omatsola Ogbe, the Executive Secretary of the NCDMB in her goodwill message thanked PTI for hosting the very crucial bilateral meeting between the Institute and the Uganda National Oil Company for the purpose of benchmarking, knowledge sharing and collaboration in different sectors of the oil and gas industry.

She added: "For us in NCDMB we are happy to be part of the instructive bilateral union involving Uganda and Nigeria. We are indeed glad to be the midwife of the new opportunities.' Continuing, Tessalla Tersugh said: "PTI is very important and strategic because the Institute is a critical stakeholder in the Oil and gas industry, which controls the National affairs of our economy."