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**Press Release**

**EDUCATION MINISTER TASKS POLY COUNCILS ON TECHNOLOGICAL  
ADVANCEMENT**

Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu has challenged the newly appointed Governing Councils of Federal Polytechnics to support their institutions to achieve the goal of technological advancement for Nigeria.

Speaking at the inauguration Ceremony/ Retreat for members of the Council, held at the National Universities Commission, Abuja on Thursday, May 11, 2017, the Minister said that the call has become very important as the nation re-directs attention to non-oil sector.

Mallam Adamu urged the Council members to deploy their wealth of experiences and resources to assist the institutions achieve their mandates, stressing that members were carefully selected mindful of their pedigree in polytechnic administration. He enjoined the members to take the retreat seriously with a view to refreshing their minds for the task ahead.

Mallam Adamu also urged the Councils to join the whistle blowing policy of the federal government, saying that it should not be left to the anti-corruption agencies alone.

Minister of State for Education, Professor, Anthony Anwukah called for cordial working relationship between Management and Council members to move the sector to another level, and noted that technical education had been neglected for a long time. "Management is responsible for day to day activities of the institutions under the guidance of the Councils", he stressed.

In the same vein, the chairman of Senate Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFund, Senator, Jibrin Barau and his counterpart in the House of Representatives, Hon. Aminu Suleiman delivered good will messages and described vocational education as the hope of Nigeria's economy.

Responding on behalf of other Council members, Alhaji Mohammed Abubakar, who chairs the Council of Federal Polytechnic, Damaturu, assured that members would not fail the nation in the task assigned to them.



L-R: ES, NBTE, Dr. Mas'aud Kazaure, Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu and Minister of State for Education, Prof. Anthony Anwukah, during the inauguration.



A cross-section of dignitaries during the inauguration