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**FG, ICAN TO SYNERGIZE ON NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

In recognition of the numerous contributions of the accounting profession to national development, the Federal Government has stated its readiness to work with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria, (ICAN), in moving the nation to its desired level of development.

Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu, disclosed this recently in Abuja, when a delegation from ICAN, led by its President, Mazi Nnamdi Anthony Okwuadigbo paid him a working visit.

Adamu said that the resolve to work closely with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria was informed by the Institute's commitment to national development.

The Minister noted that when the same passion and professionalism is deployed in the education sector, the lives of her citizenry will be affected positively.

He, thereby, called on officials and members of ICAN to evolve more proactive and inclusive policies geared towards moving the economy to the league of developed nations.

In his remarks, President of ICAN, Mazi Nnamdi Anthony Okwuadigbo, said the visit was necessitated by the yearning to 'work with the Ministry in moving the cause of the accounting profession forward, especially in accounting education'.

The President stressed that in spite of the numerous achievements of the Institute, a lot still needs to be done in order to reach the desired destination.

Okwuadigbo requested that representatives of ICAN be on the accreditation team of accounting departments of tertiary institutions in order to ensure that the curricula of these institutions are ‘in line with the demands of the dynamic market.’

He also appealed that holders of the Institute’s Accounting Technician Scheme, (ATS), certificate be granted Direct Entry admission into the nation’s universities in addition to the Ministry sponsoring staff, who are ICAN members, to the various training programmes of the Institute.

The President, who stated the willingness of the Institute to organize an in-house training of relevant staff of the Ministry on accounting principles, also solicited its assistance in acquiring a land, within the FCT, for the construction of a Convention Centre, amongst others.

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