

## **FG Renames Federal Science and Technical Colleges to Federal Technical Colleges**

The Federal Government has officially renamed Federal Science and Technical Colleges (FSTCs) to Federal Technical Colleges (FTCs) to enhance technical and vocational education in Nigeria. Minister of Education, Dr. Tunji Alausa, stated that this move aligns with President Tinubu's vision to reduce youth unemployment, create jobs, and foster a technologically driven society.

Announced during a stakeholders' meeting on the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) initiative in Abuja, the change aims to reposition TVET as a key driver of national development.

Permanent Secretary Dr. Nasir Gwarzo emphasized that this is more than a name change; it represents a significant shift in educational priorities to prepare students for the evolving workforce.

Dr. (Mrs.) Olodo M.A, Director of Technology and Science Education, raised concerns over low teacher participation in STEM and TVET training. She called for better coordination to ensure teacher development without disrupting student learning.

Mrs. Offokeansi I. S., Chairman of all Federal Technical Colleges and Principal of FTC Otukpo, urged principals to improve communication during student transitions, ensuring no JSS 3 student is denied admission due to overcrowding.

This strategic move is expected to equip Nigerian youth with industry-relevant skills, aligning education with the country's economic needs.