



Minister of Education Prof Tahir Mamman OON, SAN, (C) Minister of State for Education, Hon. Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu (2nd Left), The Permanent Secretary Federal Ministry of Education, Mrs. Didi Esther Walson-Jack, (pink suit), The President Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chief Emeka Obegolu (in gray suit), The Former President ACCI, Prince Adeyokunbo Kayode and Other members of ACCI during a courtesy visit to the Honourable Minister at the Minister's Conference room Abuja.

Sununu applauds \$3 Million Grant to Boost Teacher Capacity and Addresses Gender Inequality in Education

In a pivotal keynote address delivered during the Five-day Capacity Building for Gender Desk Officers and other Officers on Gender Responsive Educational Planning and Gender Equality in Niger State, the Honourable Minister of State for Education, Hon. Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu, appreciated a 3-million-dollar grant to the Ministry of Education for empowerment of Teachers inclusiveness in Education for all Nigerian Children, irrespective of Gender or religion.

Dr. Sununu highlighted Education's pivotal role in empowering Children, especially Girls, fostering their capabilities, and propelling Social and Economic Development. He reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to bridging gender disparities in education through policy interventions, including the ongoing review of the National Policy on Gender Education.

During his address, Sununu also unveiled a significant development: "I am pleased to announce that the Federal Republic of Japan has recently approved a grant exceeding \$3 million to the Federal Ministry of Education, aimed at enhancing the capacity of Teachers within the Country."

This substantial grant, will not only bolster the skills and expertise of educators nationwide but also specifically target the empowerment of female Teachers, aligning with the Ministry's strategic roadmap.

Furthermore, Sununu took the opportunity to remind attendees of the initiatives already underway to combat gender inequality within the education system. These initiatives, coupled with the newly announced grant, underscore the Ministry's commitment to fostering an inclusive educational environment where every child has equal opportunities to thrive and contribute to the nation's development.

The Minister's address serves as a testament to the collective commitment towards advancing gender equality and ensuring quality education for all Nigerian Children.

During the event, In the Speech of the Permanent Secretary, Mrs Didi Walson -Jack read by Hajia Binta Abdulkhadir, Director Senior Secondary Education appreciated the leadership of the Centre Initiative and UNESCO Nigeria for implementing the training program, emphasized that Gender Responsive Educational Planning is a strategy applied to ensure equal Gender participation in Education.

The Permanent Secretary further reiterated that the capacity building training program aims to sharpen the skills, competence, and widen the scope of knowledge of Gender Desk Officers, as well as provide Stakeholders with the opportunity to appreciate and address the challenges girls face in their various endeavors, thereby paving the way for their meaningful participation in national development.

Abdourahamane Diallo, the Head of UNESCO Office in Abuja, stated that the workshop aims to enhance the capacity of key Stakeholders to promote Gender Responsive Education Planning and Management across the States of the Federation.

Diallo disclosed that the workshop is a component of a wider partnership between ILEP - UNESCO and Nigeria. In addition to capacity-building, the Gender Center is dedicated to providing continual support in Strategic Planning.

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