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MINILS COMMEMORATES 2026 WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY, REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO YOUTH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

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The Michael Imoudu National Institute for Labour Studies (MINILS), Ilorin, joins the global community in commemorating the 2026 World Youth Skills Day (WYSD) under the theme "Skills for a Shared Future." The occasion highlights the critical role of technical, vocational, entrepreneurial and digital skills in preparing young people for decent work, innovation and sustainable national development.



As Nigeria's foremost institution for labour education, research and capacity development under the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment, MINILS remains steadfast in its commitment to equipping Nigerian youth with relevant skills that promote productivity, entrepreneurship, self-reliance and inclusive economic growth.

Through its Entrepreneurship Development Department, the Institute has successfully trained and empowered more than 1,500 youths in diverse vocational, entrepreneurial and digital skills. These interventions have equipped beneficiaries with practical competencies for employment, enterprise development and wealth creation.



MINILS has also collaborated actively with the Industrial Training Fund (ITF), the National Directorate of Employment (NDE), State Ministries of Youth, and several Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to facilitate entrepreneurship, vocational and digital skills development programmes for young Nigerians.



In line with the Renewed Hope Agenda of **President Bola Ahmed Tinubu**, GCFR, which places strong emphasis on job creation, youth empowerment and human capital development, MINILS continues to support the Federal Government's efforts by providing industry-relevant skills that enhance employability, entrepreneurship and sustainable livelihoods for Nigerian youth.

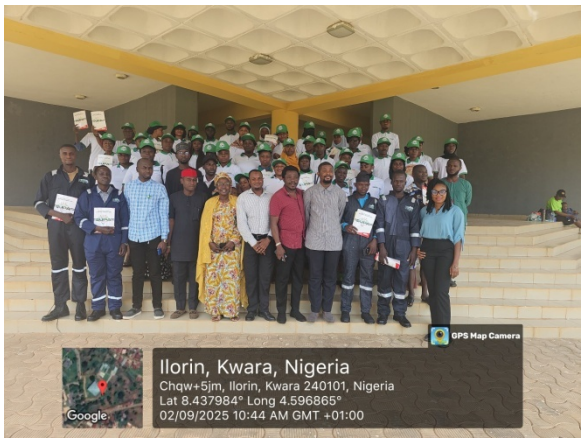


In commemoration of the 2026 World Youth Skills Day, the Institute also announces plans to expand its skills development interventions through a nationwide vocational training programme across Nigeria's six geopolitical zones. The programme will provide practical training in Tailoring and Fashion Design, Barbering, Hairdressing and Beauty Care, and Baking and Confectionery, with the objective of empowering more young Nigerians with industry-relevant skills for self-employment and economic participation.



The Director-General of MINILS, **Comrade Issa Aremu,** *mni, NPoM*, reaffirmed the Institute's commitment to promote innovation, entrepreneurship and lifelong learning as strategic tools for building a resilient workforce capable of meeting the demands of the future of work.

The Institute therefore calls on government agencies, employers, organised labour, development partners, educational institutions, civil society organisations and the private sector to strengthen collaboration in expanding access to quality skills development opportunities for Nigerian youth.



As the world celebrates the 2026 World Youth Skills Day, MINILS urges young Nigerians to embrace skills acquisition, innovation and entrepreneurship as pathways to decent work, self-reliance and national transformation.

Signed

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