

The maiden matriculation ceremony of the Meteorological Institute of Science and Technology (M.I.S.T), Katsina State, Nigeria.

The Institute was established to serve as a centre for training and research on Meteorology and Climate Change Sciences with a VISION to be an International Centre of Excellence for Effective Capacity Development in Meteorology and Climate Sciences. It was officially commissioned on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2019 by the Honourable Minister of Aviation, Senator Hadi Sirika. Following the official commissioning, MIST commenced training programmes in January 2020. M.I.S.T. MISSION is to provide quality training and tailored research experience in meteorological, hydrological, and climate-related sciences for indigenous and international community of atmospheric scientists.

The institute will provide training and retraining opportunities in meteorological, hydrological and climate sciences in line with the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) guidelines for Education and Training of Personnel in Meteorology and Operational Hydrology; and the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) Curriculum for Basic Instructional Package for Meteorologist (BIP-M); as well as Diploma (ND & HND). This is in addition to short-term courses in climate and climate-change related studies, and refresher courses for operational meteorological and climate scientists.

It held its maiden matriculation on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at the main campus, KM14 IBB Way, along Kano Road, opposite Federal Secretariat Office Complex, Katsina State, Nigeria. In attendance was the Honourable Minister of Aviation, Senator Hadi Sirika (the Minister responsible for Meteorology in Nigeria), Director General/CEO NiMet, Professor Mansur Bako Matazu (the PR of Nigeria with WMO), Senior Management of NiMet and M.I.S.T., Representatives of Katsina State Government, Traditional Rulers and various stakeholders.

Speaking at the ceremony Senator Sirika underscored the need to increase human resources and capacities in Meteorology owing to its impact on all aspects of the nation's economy. He advised the students to remain focused in pursuit of academic excellence. Professor Matazu appreciated the efforts of the Executive Governor of Katsina State and the Honourable Minister towards the realisation of the institution while adding that Meteorology is a specialised discipline that requires the utmost attention of the newly matriculated students.

He promised to ensure that M.I.S.T churns out the best Meteorologists that can compete favourably with their counterparts globally.



Honourable Ministry of Aviation, Senator Hadi Sirika Photo: NiMet Archive / Abba Digital Photography



DG/CEO Professor Mansur Bako Matazu Photo: NiMet Archives / Abba Digital Photography



Registrar, M.I.ST. Dr Bishir Gambo Photo: NiMet Archive Abba/Digital Photography



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