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FUTA ALUMNUS SHARES EXPERIENCES ON GEOSCIENCES

A United State based alumnus of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, FUTA in the field of Applied Geology has urged upcoming Geoscientist to always evaluate their career desire and explore new avenues that can strengthen and broaden their skills for optimal performance. Victor Ogunmola, a member of the Membership Career Sciences Committee at American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), Houston, Texas Area, United State of America made this known at a training in career opportunities in the energy industry and related disciplines for the post graduate students in the School of Earth and Mineral Sciences (SEMS) of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, recently. Ogunmola who addressed the students on the concerns of early professionals and students in a dynamic world of price ups and downs said “the energy industry needs new geoscientists with the talent and drive to find, develop and produce the energy that people will need. To attain this, market yourself as accomplished scientists, skilled data analyst, a highly computer literate and educator”. Speaking further, Ogunmola with more than a decade experience in the downstream sector appealed to participants to take courses that will give them the depth and breadth of the local content and also urged them to get active in the school students AAPG and the local professional Geological meetings to familiarize with local Geoscientists.

Taking a look into the future of the profession, he said “we will need a lot of geosciences professionals to replace those retiring and to accommodate the predicted job growth. In addition to making new discoveries, we need to get more out of what we already have found and technology and people to develop

and apply it.”To meet the demand of the downstream industry, Ogunmola called on participants to consider altering their academic path by adding additional classes and look for academic research projects that will help them to acquire additional experience. “Evaluate your career desire and don’t be afraid to try new avenues that can strengthen and broaden your skill set. These connections and skills will be valuable assets during the next industry expansion” he added.He also encouraged them to be flexible and willing to step outside their comfort zones by taking risks. “To be the best as a Geoscientist, stay involved in professional and local societies, acquire a broad set of skills, take continuing education courses, demonstrate curiosity and a desire to learn, cultivate leadership and entrepreneurial qualities and network with individuals in multiple aspects of the industry” he said.Ogunmola emphasized the need to write a good and properly packaged proposal, because from experience most applications from Nigeria do not scale through selection processes as a result of deficiency in packaging.

Speaking at the training the convener, Professor Yunusa Asiwaju-Bello lauded the efforts of Ogunmola, saying that participants should tap into the rich lecture to broaden their horizon and reshape their future. He said the idea of the workshop addressing the concerns of early professionals was first borne out of Ogunmola’s desire to give back to his Alma Mata.