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FUTA WINS WORLD BANK PROJECT GRANT

A Team of researchers from the Federal University of Technology Akure, FUTA in conjunction with HKV Consultants, the Netherlands, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), Water Resources Institute (WRI), Ghana and WASCAL has won a World Bank grant for a Project titled Disaster Risk Reduction Practice Research and Capacity Building to ECOWAS. The contract will run from June 2018 to December 2019. The FUTA team leader on the project, Dr. Francis Akinluyi of the Department of Remote Sensing said “the uniqueness in the academic programmes run by FUTA contributed in no small measure to winning the bid due to the interdisciplinary composition of Team members”. According to him, “Expertise in Geo-Information Management, Climate Science, Open Data Management and other diverse academic background of the Team were also found valuable in the award of the contract”.

Dr. Akinluyi assured the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Fuwape, the University Management and FUTA community that his team would deliver creditably well on the project. He said the team and other consortia would work to strengthen the existing infrastructure, policy and mitigate future disaster related challenges likely to confront the ECOWAS member states.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Fuwape commended the FUTA team for their attainment saying it has further confirmed the University's relevance not only to capacity building for Nigeria but for ECOWAS Sub-region.

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