

ITF PARLEYS WITH NASMSLAPI

As part of its efforts to impart skills to a vast generality of Nigerians, the Industrial Training Fund recently has entered into talks with members of the National Association of Small and Large Scale Leather and Allied Products Industrialists (NASMSLAPI) in Aba.

The meeting was to enable the ITF identify problems affecting the leather cluster in Aba for training intervention.

Speaking during the occasion, the Chairman of the Association, Mr. Emmanuel O. Maduiké urged for immediate financial assistance to enable the Association set up a Common Facility Centre (CFC) in Aba. that will be sufficiently equipped with modern machinery to support manufacturing of high quality leather shoes and facilitate the training of apprentices.

He said that although, the leather cluster employs over 10,000 workers, its expansion and impact has been reduced by financial handicaps, adding that without such handicap the cluster would have acquired machines which would have raised the quality and volume of their products.

Mr. Maduiké solicited for wider publicity of their activities and products in order to attract financial assistance from the International Community.

Meanwhile, the Aba Area Office has implemented the Industrial Safety Training Workshop. The workshop which attracted nine participants from three establishments was designed to update participants' knowledge in modern Safety Practices and Standards.

Speaking on behalf of the participants, Mr. Romanus of Imo State Transport Company Limited, Owerri promised to utilize the knowledge acquired from the programme to promote safety consciousness in their organizations.