

**SALESIANS OF ST JOHN BOSCO, AFW - NIGERIA  
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The Salesians of Don Bosco, as an organization has made huge impact in its contribution to TVET development/promotion of skills acquisition, youth empowerment, girl-child education, provision of health services to vulnerable groups, creating access to employment/jobs, rehabilitation of street children, social pastoral, education, community development, advocacy, assistance to children, youth & women at-risk and youth animation.

The Employers' Forum 2020 is a sponsored activity under the Global Program funded by the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) Germany in association with Don Bosco Mondo Bonn and Don Bosco Tech Africa, and implemented by the Project and Development Office (PDO) of the Salesians of Don Bosco AFW Nigeria. The event, which took place in Onitsha, Anambra State (Southeast Nigeria) and Akure, Ondo State (Southwest Nigeria), witnessed an array of key stakeholders in the world of work and policy makers. The objectives of this Forum include, but not limited to: (1) to increase employment opportunities for young people (2) create a nucleus of stakeholders (TVET, employers, government agencies, policy makers, labour etc) with Salesians of Don Bosco (3) for visibility in the Nigerian TVET sector and (4) for a platform to chart the path for TVET policy.

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## Promotion of Green TVET in Don Bosco Centre

In the course to promote healthy climate, clean environment and safe atmosphere, the Don Bosco TVET Centre Onitsha was chosen as a Centre of Excellence for the Green TVET project. The project is part of the Global Program on Green TVET currently funded by the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) Germany in association with Don Bosco Mondo Bonn and Don Bosco Tech Africa and implemented by the Salesians of Don Bosco, Nigeria. It aims at contributing to the reduction of the effects of climate change in Nigeria through the installation of efficient Biogas system, Waste Water Management and Rain Water Harvesting/Treatment systems. The objectives include; to improve water quality by reducing pollution and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse of wastewater, promoting healthy environment through Green Culture in line with the Sustainable Development Goal (No 6), and to propel the desire to go green and effectively improve and safeguard the environment at the Don Bosco TVET centre.



## Celebrating Don Bosco, the Father of the Young

Every January 31, all over the world, is set aside as the Feast of Don Bosco, the founder of the Salesians of Don Bosco congregation. Born on August 16 1815 in a scrubby stone cottage of Francis and Margaret Bosco on the hills of Beechi at the foot of the Italian Alps. When the era was closing in Europe with the exile of Napoleon, and the Industrial Revolution was changing, the birth of this lad opened another era. At just nine years, Don Bosco (originally John Bosco) was divinely appointed to shepherd fellow youngsters, and this mission he sustained till death on January 31 1888. His love for young people and their livelihoods gave rise to skills development among the poor young people who depended on him for survival. Today, through his passion for the promotion of vocational skills, the Salesians of Don Bosco operate Vocational Training Centres, Technical Schools, Polytechnics, Agricultural Schools, Adult Education/Literacy Centres, Rehabilitation Centres for Street Children/militants, Youth Centres, Orphanages, Oratories, Primary Schools, Secondary Schools, Colleges and Universities across countries of the world. We equip and run over 790 Professional Schools, 49 Agricultural Schools, 688 Centres for Social Promotion, 85 Universities, 3643 Schools and 1929 Youth Centres primarily for the training and rehabilitation of marginalised young people. As a non-profit organisation, it was formed to promote the socio-economic transformation of children and young people at risk through education, rehabilitation, skills training, healthcare delivery programmes, youth ministrations, capacity-building and non-faith based partnership with institutions, which have similar objectives in countries where it operates. The impact of the mission that Don Bosco established over a century is wholly felt all over the world today. Saint John Bosco is the Father of the Young.



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