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Revitalization of Technical and Vocational Education for Youth Employment and Poverty Alleviation

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ABSTRACT Active involvement of youths contributes greatly to the development of a nation's economy which leads to empowerment to overcome many of the emerging economic challenges. The paper examined the persistent existence of youth unemployment in Nigeria over the years which has rendered majority of the youths victims of poverty. Out of the different dimensions of poverty, absolute poverty takes preeminence in this situation. Thus, poverty unnecessarily hinders socio-economic development and exposes the youths to various vices. The paper is of the opinion that the present teaching and learning conditions of Technical and Vocational Education characterized by shortage of necessary teaching and learning facilities, irregular and irrelevant re-training programmes for the teaching personnel, societal wrong attitude are the major factors that hinder the beneficiaries' opportunity of acquiring necessary job skills that further expose them to unemployment challenges. The paper, therefore, recommends that overhauling and reactivation of TVE is urgently required.