

AFRICAN ENERGY LEADERS FORUM APPLAUDS POWER PRIVATISATION

Minister of Power, Prof. Chinedu Nebo has expressed Federal Government's determination to collaborate with the African Energy Leaders Forum to end electricity supply challenges in Africa.

According to him, the plan is to be implemented through sub-regional collaborations that would ensure a robust transmission network supergrid, running across every country in Africa.

Prof. Nebo who was speaking yesterday when the Under Secretary General and Special Rep of the UN Secretary-General, Dr. Yumkella, paid him a courtesy visit in Abuja, stated that the African Energy Leaders Group championed by the latter was a welcome development as it is targeted at the transformation and upliftment of the region.

This he said will bring about cooperation among countries in the region, drawing on their areas of strengths for the collective good of the entire continent.

The Minister further stressed the need for the group to give renewable energy a boost to ensure that communities that are far flung from the national grid are adequately powered with electricity so as to promote growth of small scale industries in such African communities.

He empathized with the students disqualified by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) over deficiencies in ICT, saying such would not have occurred, had adequate electricity been provided in rural dwellers to expose such students to computers and Information technology.

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