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UBEC Remain the Only Hope of Basic Education in Nigeria – Gov. Suntai

The Governor of Taraba State, Pharmacist Danbaba Dan Fulani Suntai has said that Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) remains the only hope of Basic Education in Nigeria.

The Governor disclosed this recently when he declared open the fourth Quarterly meeting of UBEC Management with Executive Chairmen of State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEBs) in Jalingo, Taraba State.

He said “UBEC has set a standard that can not be equaled at all by all other organization, the great job that UBEC is doing in this nation has its reward from the Almighty”.

According to him, the challenges the Commission is facing is normal in every organization that is set to lay a sound foundation in the educational sector.

“We will do everything to support the commission.” he said.

In his opening speech, The Executive Secretary of the commission, Dr. Ahmed Modibbo Mohammed, said the main objective of the Quarterly meetings of UBEC Management with SUBEB Chairmen has been constantly to review progress and proffer solution to challenges encountered in Basic Education – delivery in the country in order to remain focused in the delivery of UBE mandate.

The Executive Secretary said the challenges confronting Basic Education are numerous and daunting and need to be tackled with seriousness and determination at all times.

Some of the key issues in the implementation of UBE programme in Nigeria discussed according to the Executive Secretary includes the reviewing of the activities of the past quarters, charting the way forward in the implementation of the UBE Programme, Proffering solutions to challenges in UBE implementation from States among others.

Commenting on some developments, the Executive Secretary said many SUBEBs are not represented in national education meetings such as JCCE Reference Committees and JCCE plenary where important policy decisions in education are made.

He also lamented that there are still reports that some States impose levies on their pupils under different guises and that is in a violation of the provisions of part 1, section 2(1) of the UBE Act of 2004 which state that “every government in Nigeria shall provide free, compulsory and universal basic education for every child of primary and junior secondary school age”.

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