



International day of Women and Girls in Science: CEOAfrica MD calls for greater participation of women in science

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Managing Director of CEOAfrica, Prince Cletus Ilobanafor has called for greater participation of women and girls in the field of science.

He made the call earlier today in Ibadan in commemoration of the 2019 International Day of Women and Girls in Science which is marked globally on February 11.

According to him, science and gender equality are both vital for the achievement of the development goals. He added that the female gender has been made to believe that science, technology and engineering are fields exclusively meant for men and hence women participation in these fields have been limited.

Prince Cletus further added that for sustainable goals to be achieved innovation in science and technology is a necessity and all hands must be on deck. Hence the need for greater participation of women and girls in science.

In view of this year's International Day of Women and Girls in Science with the theme "Investment in Women and Girls in Science for Inclusive Green Growth", CEOAfrica boss called on the government to encourage participation of women and girls in science by giving some kind of incentive as an added motivation for inclusive participation of the

female folks in the field of science.

At present, less than 30 per cent of researchers worldwide are women. According to UNESCO data (2014 - 2016), only around 30 per cent of all female students select science, technology, engineering or mathematics-related fields in higher education. Globally, female students' enrolment is particularly low in ICT (3 per cent), natural science, mathematics and statistics (5 per cent) and in engineering, manufacturing and construction (8 per cent).