

Agbarakwe, 2 Other Nigerians Win Crans Montana Award

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R-L: Special Assistant on Communications and Stakeholder's Engagement to the Minister of State for Environment, Ms Esther Agbarakwe; Mr Aminu Waziri Mohammed and Mr Usman Mohammed displaying their Crans Montana Forum of New Leaders of Tomorrow award in Barcelona, Spain, recently.

The special assistant on communications and stakeholder's engagement to the minister of state for environment, Ms Esther Agbarakwe, and two other Nigerians has been honoured with Crans Montana Forum of New Leaders of Tomorrow award for their outstanding professional achievement.

The other Nigerians are Aminu Waziri Mohammed and Usman Muhammad.

The forum which is domiciled in Switzerland consists a unique community of young leaders from Africa, the Arab World, far Eastern Europe, Central Asia, South-America and far East that were selected for their exceptional professional achievement and leadership experience in businesses and governments.

The New Leaders for Tomorrow would for a three uninterrupted years enjoy the free support of the Crans Montana Forum to strengthen their regional and International network in the framework of the South-South Cooperation aimed at recognising the South-South Belt countries worldwide.

Speaking shortly after the recognition at the closing ceremony of Crans Montana International Conference on Youth and Sport Barcelona Spain, Agbarakwe noted that providing Nigerians especially the young people with access to correct information on environmental issues remained her utmost passion.

According to her, “When the citizens are informed, they are empowered and governance becomes effective.”

She promised to utilise the experience and networking opportunities gained through the Crans Montana Forum to impact the Nigerian society in a positive and transformative way.

“I dedicate this award to the minister of state, Environment, Ibrahim Usman Jibril and former minister of environment, Mrs Amina Mohammed, for giving me the unique opportunity to serve the country alongside other young people they invited to join them.

“I consider myself really blessed and I hope that this award will inspire many young people in government and non-government to rise up and discharge their duties creditably,” she concluded.

Agbarakwe founded the Nigerian Youth Climate Coalition (NYCC) upon her return from Copenhagen Climate Change Conference in 2009, where she led the Nigerian youths delegation.

She has worked with great leaders like Desmond Tutu, Mary Robinson and Gro Harlem Brundtland and among others to advocate for meaningful involvement and youths participation in developmental issues especially in the formulation and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Agbarakwe is the co-founder of Climate Wednesday, the biggest youth platform on environment issues that seeks to build a climate generation across Africa.