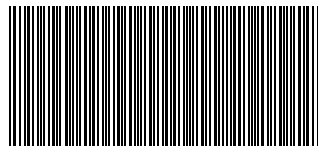


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# **Journey To Net Zero Our Local Communities' Participation Towards Emission Reduction In Nigeria**

**N**igeria, like many other African nations, is at a turning point. Despite being blessed with abundant natural resources, security and access to energy continue to be major problems, and this is only getting worse as the energy transition discussion heats up. Nigeria, whose shaky economy is dependent on fossil fuels, has a debt profile of N77 trillion and is seeking to finance an energy transition and renewable energy roadmap for \$3.2 trillion.

The energy transition plan is a critical component aimed at achieving Nigeria's net zero commitments by 2060.

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and transitioning towards net-zero is a global effort that requires participation at all levels, including local communities.

Net zero refers to achieving a balance between the amount of greenhouse gas emissions produced and the amount removed from the atmosphere. This is typically achieved through a combination of reducing emissions and removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, often through the use of carbon offsetting or carbon capture technologies. The ultimate goal of achieving net zero is to stabilize the level of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and limit global warming to within safe levels. Many governments, businesses, and organizations around the world have committed to achieving net zero emissions by a certain target date as part of efforts to address climate change.

Nigeria is classified as an Annex 2 country under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which means that it is not legally bound to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. However, Nigeria is still vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, such as extreme weather events, sea-level rise, and droughts, which can have devastating effects on the country's economy and population.

Moreover, Nigeria's heavy reliance on fossil fuels for its energy needs makes it a significant emitter of greenhouse



gases. By transitioning to cleaner and more sustainable sources of energy, Nigeria can reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to global efforts to mitigate climate change. This transition could also create new opportunities for economic growth and job creation, particularly in the renewable energy sector.

At the same time, Nigeria must also address issues such as poverty and natural resource management, which are critical for the country's sustainable development especially for a country where a population of about 80 million lacks access to energy, the ETP might as well face significant challenges for implementation. By adopting an integrated approach that addresses these issues together with energy and climate change, Nigeria can achieve multiple benefits, such as reducing poverty, promoting sustainable resource use, and mitigating climate change.

Therefore, while energy transition should not be Nigeria's sole priority, access is a critical barrier as majority of the population lacks access, transition would face a significant amount of challenges, it is still an important issue that must be addressed as part of a broader strategy to achieve sustainable development and reduce the

country's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change.

Even though the government is putting some efforts towards achieving that, with the initial implementation of the climate change act and the launch of the energy transition plan, there lie's significant setbacks that needs to be addressed if at all we are intentional with our net zero target.

Raising awareness about net zero and the importance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions is a critical first step towards achieving net zero. Here are some effective strategies for raising net zero awareness in Nigeria:

**Public education and outreach:** Conducting public education and

outreach campaigns can help raise awareness about net zero and the importance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This can include organizing public events, seminars, and workshops to educate the public on the impact of climate change and the steps they can take to reduce their carbon footprint.

**Engagement with local communities:** Engaging local communities is critical to raising awareness about net zero. Working with community leaders and organizations can help to spread the message and encourage local residents to take action towards reducing their carbon footprint.

**Use of social media:** Social media can be a powerful tool for raising



awareness about net zero. Creating social media campaigns, using hashtags, and sharing informative graphics and videos can help reach a wider audience and encourage people to take action.

**Collaboration with schools and universities:** Schools and universities can play a key role in raising awareness about net zero. By incorporating climate change and sustainability topics into their curriculums, students can learn about the importance of reducing emissions and become advocates for net zero.

**Partnership with businesses and organizations:** Partnering with businesses and organizations that are committed to reducing their carbon footprint can help to raise awareness about net zero and encourage others to follow suit. These partnerships can also provide opportunities for joint initiatives and outreach efforts.

Raising awareness about Net Zero is critical to achieving this goal. Public education and outreach, engagement with local communities, use of social media, collaboration with schools and universities, and partnership with businesses and organizations are all effective strategies for raising net zero awareness in Nigeria.

Communities have a critical role to play in achieving net zero emissions and keeping global temperatures from rising more than 1.5 degrees Celsius. Here are some ways in which communities can be involved in net zero emission reduction efforts:

**Energy efficiency: Communities can** reduce their carbon footprint by adopting energy-efficient practices in their homes and workplaces. This can include using energy-efficient appliances, improving insulation, and switching to renewable energy sources such as solar power.

**Transportation: Transportation is a** major source of greenhouse gas emissions, and communities can reduce their carbon footprint by encouraging the use of public transport, carpooling, cycling, and walking. The recent removal of fuel subsidy by the president Bola Ahmed Tinubu might play a significant role with regards even though the decision came along with a toil of impacts on communities living below poverty line of \$1.9 per day.

**Waste management: Proper waste** management practices can help reduce emissions from landfills. Communities can promote recycling and composting and reduce waste by using reusable bags, bottles, and containers.

**Advocacy and engagement:** Communities can advocate for net zero emissions by engaging with local leaders and policymakers, participating in public forums and meetings, and joining advocacy groups.

**Education and awareness:** Communities can raise awareness about net zero emissions by organizing community events,

creating educational materials, and using social media to spread the message.

**Green spaces: Communities can** create green spaces such as parks and community gardens, which absorb carbon dioxide and provide a range of environmental and social benefits.

Communities can be involved in net zero emission reduction efforts by adopting energy-efficient practices, promoting sustainable transportation, implementing proper waste management practices, advocating for net zero emissions, raising awareness, creating green spaces, and collaborating with local leaders and policymakers. By working together, communities can help keep global temperatures from rising more than 1.5 degrees Celsius and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Nigeria, like many other countries, faces significant challenges in addressing climate change. One area where Nigeria can take action to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change is through its land use and energy policies.

Land use practices in Nigeria, such as deforestation and the conversion of natural habitats into agricultural or urban areas, can result in significant greenhouse gas emissions. The country is home to vast forests and other ecosystems that are essential for mitigating climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Therefore, it is crucial

that Nigeria prioritize land use policies that promote sustainable management of forests, protection of wildlife habitats, and restoration of degraded lands. By doing so, Nigeria can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions while simultaneously conserving biodiversity, improving water quality, and supporting sustainable livelihoods for local communities.

In addition to land use policies, Nigeria should also prioritize its energy policies to address climate change. The country is heavily reliant on fossil fuels, particularly oil, for its energy needs, which contributes to greenhouse gas emissions. Nigeria should explore and invest in clean energy alternatives such as wind, solar, and hydropower, as well as energy efficiency measures, to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels and decrease its carbon footprint.

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# **Implications For Environmental Governance Policy Without Local Community Involvement:**

**A Case Study on the Nigeria-Morocco Gas Pipeline Deal**





## INTRODUCTION

**E**nvironmental governance policies play a crucial role in ensuring sustainable development and safeguarding the well-being of communities. Effective environmental governance requires the active participation and involvement of local communities, as they are directly impacted by development projects. This article examines the implications of implementing an environmental governance policy without adequate local community involvement through a case study of the Nigeria-Morocco Gas Pipeline deal. The case study highlights the potential consequences of excluding local communities from decision-making processes and sheds light on the importance of community engagement in environmental governance policies.

### Background

The Nigeria-Morocco Gas Pipeline deal, a bilateral agreement between the two countries, aims to establish a transcontinental gas pipeline spanning over 3,000 kilometers. The project is anticipated to boost economic cooperation and energy security between Nigeria and Morocco. However, large-scale infrastructure projects like this often raise environmental concerns and have significant implications for local communities residing along the pipeline route.

### Implications of Limited Local Community Involvement

**1. Environmental Risks:** Without meaningful participation from local communities, the potential environmental risks associated with the

gas pipeline project may be underestimated or overlooked. This could lead to inadequate mitigation measures and environmental degradation, including habitat destruction, water pollution, and air emissions, impacting both human and ecological systems.

### 2. Social Displacement and

**Disruption:** Local communities directly affected by the pipeline project may face displacement, loss of livelihoods, and disruption of traditional land use practices. Without their involvement in decision-making, their voices and concerns may go unheard, resulting in social inequalities and conflicts.

### 3. Lack of Sustainable Development:

Sustainable development entails balancing economic growth, social well-being, and environmental protection. When local communities are excluded from the governance process, the development agenda may prioritize short-term economic gains over long-term sustainability, compromising the overall well-being of affected communities.

### 4. Weakened Trust and Alienation:

Lack of local community involvement erodes trust between the government, project proponents, and affected communities. It can lead to feelings of alienation and marginalization, potentially hindering future cooperation and exacerbating social tensions.

### Importance of Local Community Involvement

#### 1. Enhanced Decision-making:

Engaging local communities allows for a more inclusive decision-making process, ensuring that their concerns,



knowledge, and perspectives are considered. This leads to more informed and effective policies that address both environmental and social needs.

**2. Sustainable Solutions:** Local communities possess valuable traditional knowledge and expertise about their ecosystems. Their involvement can contribute to the identification of sustainable solutions that mitigate environmental impacts and promote community resilience.

**3. Social Cohesion and Well-being:** Involving local communities fosters social cohesion, ownership, and a sense of shared responsibility for the project's outcomes. It promotes the well-being of communities by recognizing and valuing their rights, culture, and local aspirations.

## Conclusion

The case study of the Nigeria-Morocco Gas Pipeline deal underscores the importance of local community involvement in environmental governance policies. Excluding communities from decision-making processes can have detrimental effects on the environment, social fabric, and sustainable development. To ensure effective and equitable environmental governance, it is imperative that policies prioritize meaningful engagement with local communities, incorporating their perspectives, and safeguarding their interests. Through inclusive governance, we can achieve a balance between development goals and environmental protection, fostering a more sustainable and resilient future

# The Imperative for Mainstreaming Gender & Youth Perspectives in the Fight Against the Climate Crisis.

## Introduction:

The global climate crisis poses unprecedented challenges that require urgent action and innovative approaches. In order to effectively address climate change, it is crucial to recognize the importance of mainstreaming gender and youth perspectives into climate policies and initiatives. This chapter highlights the imperative of including gender and youth considerations in the fight against the climate crisis. It emphasizes the unique contributions of women and youth, explores the specific challenges they face, and outlines the benefits of their active participation in climate action.

## The Unique Contributions of Women:

**1. Knowledge & Expertise:** Women have unique knowledge and expertise related to natural resource management, sustainable agriculture, and community resilience. Their contributions can enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of climate adaptation and mitigation strategies.

**2. Empowerment & Leadership:** Engaging women in climate action



empowers them to become leaders, decision-makers, and change agents. Women's participation in decision-making processes at all levels ensures more inclusive and equitable climate policies and programs.

**3. Community Resilience:** Women often play critical roles in their communities, particularly in managing natural resources and providing for their families. Empowering women in climate action strengthens community resilience by leveraging their skills, knowledge and networks.

## Challenges Faced By Women:

**1. Gender Inequality:** Women often face systemic barriers that limit their

participation and leadership in climate initiatives. Gender disparities in access to resources, education, and decision-making platforms need to be addressed to ensure equal opportunities for women in climate action

## **2. vulnerability & Disproportionate**

**Impacts:** Climate change disproportionately affects women, especially those in vulnerable communities. They are more likely to experience the adverse effects of climate change, including increased food insecurity, water scarcity, and displacement

### **The Role of Youth:**

**1. Innovation & Creativity:** Youth bring fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and technological prowess to address climate challenges. Their energy and enthusiasm drive transformative change and inspire action in communities and society at large

**2. Advocacy & Activism:** Youth activism has been instrumental in raising awareness about climate change and demanding urgent action. Their voices have resonated globally, pressuring governments and institutions to take stronger measures to combat the climate crisis.

**3. Long-Term Stakeholders:** Youth are the future leaders and inheritors of the planet. Involving them in climate decision-making processes ensures that their needs, aspirations, and concerns are considered in shaping sustainable and resilient pathways for the future.

## **1. Limited Access & Representation:**

Youth often face barriers in accessing decision-making platforms and

resources to contribute effectively to climate action. It is crucial to create opportunities for youth engagement and ensure their voices are heard in climate policy discussions.

## **2. Education & Capacity Building:**

Equipping youth with the knowledge, skills, and capacity to address climate challenges is vital. Providing quality education and training on climate change empowers them to become effective advocates and change-makers.

### **Benefits of Mainstreaming Gender and Youth Perspectives:**

**1. Holistic Approach:** Integrating gender and youth perspectives into climate policies ensures a more comprehensive and holistic approach to addressing the climate crisis. It allows for a deeper understanding of the diverse impacts and responses needed at different levels.

**2. Enhanced Effectiveness:** Engaging women and youth leads to more effective climate action. Their unique experiences, knowledge, and skills contribute to the development and implementation of context-specific and gender-responsive climate strategies.

**3. Social Equity and Justice:** Mainstreaming gender and youth perspectives promotes social equity and justice in climate action. It recognizes the rights, needs, and aspirations of marginalized groups and fosters more inclusive and equitable outcomes.

### **Conclusion:**

Mainstreaming gender and youth perspectives in the fight against the climate crisis is not only imperative but also beneficial for sustainable development.



The Nigerian  
Climate Tech  
Innovation  
Boot Camp

# Climate Tech: Digital Storytelling Technique for Community Reporting to Amplify Climate Action



Prof Lillian I. Salami  
Vice Chancellor, Uniben  
- Chief Host

SPEAKERS:

|                         |                     |                 |                  |                      |                         |                           |
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|                         |                     |                 |                  |                      |                         |                           |
| Robert (Bob)<br>Tiptons | Samuel C.<br>Okorie | Haoma<br>Worgwu | Matthew<br>Chang | Babawale<br>Obayanju | Prince Israel<br>Orekha | Prof Mrs. Ujiro<br>Igbudu |
|                         |                     |                 |                  |                      | Convener                | Host                      |

Thursday, 11th May 2023

9:00 AM (WAT)

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The Tech Innovation Boot Camp was a hybrid event that hosted, leaders and experts in the field of Climate Change, Renewable energy and Digital Storytelling. The event was convened by Connected Advocacy and was hosted by the prestigious University of Benin, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria.

The Chief host, Vice Chancellor, University of Benin, Prof. Lillian I. Salami was ably represented by Prof. Joseph Osemwenkhae He is the Dean Faculty of Physical Sciences and he was accompanied by Mrs Etinosa Anthonia Ogbe-Aiwanfo the representative of the registrar of the University , her welcome speech outlined the importance of engaging the University community in such critical global Issue of climate change. I feel privileged to be addressing such a devoted and enthusiastic group of people who

are committed to addressing the issues associated with climate change, we must act to reduce its effects and build a sustainable future for present and future generations because, as we all know, climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our planet right now. This event is very apt with its theme: Climate Tech : Digital Storytelling Technique for Community Reporting to Amplify Climate Action, I encourage you to make the best use of your time here

The Host Prof. Mrs. Ujiro Igbudu, Director, SDG Desk office, University of Benin delivered her speech in appreciation of the Vice-Chancellor, Connected Advocacy, and other stakeholders that graced the event. She said we all must be dutifully involved in pushing for a Net-Zero ecosystem by 2060. Unfortunately, a handful of people are not interested or involved in pushing for climate-friendly technologies, due to low awareness but a few are pushing for these cutting edge technologies to increase locally mitigative action. This maiden edition of the Climate Tech Innovation Boot-Camp is very timely, owing to the myriad of issues being precipitated by global warming or climate change. This event is specially initiated towards galvanizing us to embrace climate technologies for a better and safer ecosystem to live in.

The event convener, Prince Israel Orekha, the Executive Director Connected Advocacy gave an excellent preview of the event which is aimed

at bridging the gap between traditional climate change activism, innovative tech and advanced technology approaches in creating lasting solutions to climate crisis at every level. He said Tackling climate change require a collective effort from local to global, that the use of technology will help increase local performance, and its imperative at this point, that technology will help play a great role in mitigating climate crisis, this was what initiated the Nigerian Climate Tech Innovation Boot-camp 2023, this boot-camp has develop a web porter called Naija Climate Matters [www.climatematter.org](http://www.climatematter.org), here you can share your finding, breakthrough solutions, and information of the impact of climate crisis as it affect your local community, document loss and damages that has occurred for prompt action.

The first speaker, Mr. Babawale Obayanju, Co-Founder of Tell That Story, spoke extensively on leveraging digital storytelling and innovative technology solution in addressing climate change at every level of endeavour, whether at the level of ploicy-making, development of digital solutions within and outside the University community.

Robert (Bob) Tiptons, Founder, of Dark Sky Innovative Solutions and Author: OroAzul Proposal also spoke extensively on climate change and technology. He dwelt further on the use of technology to drive the process of adapting to renewable energy technologies for a safer world.





Samuel C. Okorie, Communication and Policy Advisor, GLOBE spoke on Loss and Damage occasioned by green house gas. He further highlighted the different losses and damages caused by climate change.

participants on how they can solve the most pressing challenge facing our climate with the most powerful, but underused tool in our pocket (i.e. Mobile phone) to tell environmental stories in every way humanly possible.

Mr. Sunday Asije also spoke intensively on climate technology: enhancing just energy transition and opportunity for green innovative jobs for youths.

Lastly, sincere appreciation and commendation went to the convener Prince Israel Orekha Executive Director Connected Advocacy and the collaborating Partner Prof Mrs Ujiru igbudu Director Sustainable Development Goal Desk Office University of Benin.

Mr. Aisosa Osawaru crowned the event with an excellent speech on why we need to start now and the need to give discount to every participant registering for his forthcoming personal development hangout.

The vote of thanks was given by Dr. (Mrs) O.R Dania, who specially appreciated all the attendees, Professors , HODs, climate enthusiast and all development practitioners present, and student, she said the time for action is now, let us work together and save our planet from climate change disaster.

Overall, the event was an expository one, because it served as an eye-opener to all the





## Why **G20** Must Support Locally Led Adaptation Financing To Tackle The Climate Crisis In **Africa**

**A**ccording to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in its Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) Africa will be impacted by climate change more than any other continent even though the continent only contributes less than 4% of the world's total Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. Africa has the lowest historical and current emissions. AR6 also estimates that adaptation costs in developing countries will reach \$127 billion (when?), and Africa needs up to \$86.5 billion annually by the year 2030”.



This conclusion is why the G20 must come out with concrete action to tackle the climate crisis in Africa. The G20 must not play politics with the lives of Africans or stand idle while impacted communities and the planet continue to suffer. There are growing examples of near irreversible impacts of the impacts of fossil fuels on communities. In Mauritania and Senegalese fisherfolks are now groaning due to the invasion of their waters by BP through its GTA (Greater TortueAhmeyim liquified natural gas) project, rated the world first nearshore LNG terminal. The oil giant has caused loss of livelihoods without clear compensation facilities for their biodiversity-aquaculture and livelihood loss thereby exposing them to climate vulnerability. , The entire fishermen economic value chain around the major fishing areas in Saint-Louis and N'diogo respectively will be greatly affected, with no one to speak for them on issues of compensation. The G20 has some influence over the major world industrialized nations that pollute more and emit more greenhouse gasses that are contributing to climate crisis we are suffering today. It is imperative at this point that the group come-out clear with concrete and realistic financial contribution to address loss and damage financing for locally impacted communities suffering from the activities of fossil fuels corporations and vulnerabilities they are exposed to. Africa will continue to suffer from environmental degradation, if the G20 do not re-strategies to ensure local community led climate action and capacity to better mitigate the climate crisis. They must supported and increase climate risk insurance equity financing for Africa investment development in the energy sector and alternative livelihood. , In view of the fact that the Net zero emission reduction target for keeping 1.5c alive is not realistic and African governments lack the political will to commitment invest in

carbon emission reduction plans for local communities, Africa will be left with stranded assets, stranded personnel and stranded communities.

### **Oil and Gas Industry**

Bob Tipton said that the poorest nations have the greatest sustainable resource and the richest nations know it hence the rich are motivated by the fear of losing what they have to the poor '. In the plans to address the current energy shortage in Europe due to the Russia-Ukraine war, attention is now on Africa to help remedy the energy crisis in Europe. A whopping \$245 billion will be invested in gas pipelines across Africa and according to Global Energy Monitors report, these is danger of these turning into stranded assets since they are designed as a short-term mitigator of Europe's energy crisis. Our concern now is the numbers of smallholder farmers, ecological biodiversity that will be destroyed, and how this process will lead to increased unemployment and shortage of food and food insecurity across the region .

The G20 must step up their intervention to ensure false solutions, fake theories of mitigation are foisted on Africa. They must end fusil-fuels expansion and invest in our future by providing funding for locally led adaptation research and indigenous renewable energy development projects, huge investment in technology transfer in Africa this will provide green jobs, improve local business, tackle energy poverty and reduced emission reduction, if G20 start massive investment for local community implementation to tackle climate change, these will sure return on investment, human capital development, reduce migration, improve local solutions to drive locally mitigative action in the fight against climate disasters.

# Report on the People's Dialogue for Environmental Justice and Climate Action Strengthening Local Movement Building Space's To Demand Environmental Justice From Fossil-Fuel Colonialism, Expansion & Exploitation In Niger Delta

**Date: March 25, 2023**  
**Time: 9:40 AM**

**Location:** Ekuku-Agbor Owa/Alidinma community, Agbor Delta state

**Attendees:** Connected Advocacy representatives, traditional rulers, oil host community leaders, women leaders, and youth leaders

**Meeting Agenda:** The People's Dialogue for Environmental Justice and Climate Action: Strengthening Local Movements and Building Spaces to Demand Environmental Justice from Fossil-Fuel Colonialism, Expansion, and Exploitation in the Niger Delta

### Meeting Minutes:

The People's Dialogue for Environmental Justice and Climate Action was held on March 25, 2023, at the Ekuku-Agbor Owa/Alidinma community in Agbor Delta state. The one-day program was organized by Connected Advocacy, a non-governmental organization located in Benin City, Edo State, to train local and community people on strengthening local movements and building spaces to demand environmental justice.

The program started at 9:51 AM with an opening prayer said by Comr. Ozour Ezekiel from Obi-Anyima. Thereafter, all participants were asked



to introduce themselves, and an overview of the training rules and objectives was given by the Director of Connected Advocacy, Prince Israel Orekha.

The program featured training sessions on environmental monitoring, smart advocacy tools for environmental justice, and how to build a non-violent environmental justice movement. The training aimed to enable local communities to advocate for and demand freedom from pollution, environmental degradation, and exploitation.

The impact of oil exploration in the communities was discussed during the meeting, which included community crises, environmental degradation, diversion of monetary benefits, intimidation from the traditional rulers, non-compliance with environmental multilateral agreements, climate change issues, pollution, denial of social responsibility, excessive flooding, divestment plans by the IOC from the region, and an increase in the high cost of living due to poor agricultural produce.

The imperative of smart advocacy tools for environmental justice was stressed, which are evidence-based collective efforts or strategies targeting decision-makers and polluters. The

training focused on influencing the actions, programs, and policies of the IOCs and governments toward environmentally friendly interventions, fulfilling the agreement for the protection of the earth, people, and planets.

The next session was taken by Cadmus Atake-Enade, who spoke on environmental monitoring tools for mitigating the danger of fossil-fuel (oil and gas) extraction in the local communities. He encouraged participants to monitor their environment through air, water, and soil pollution, and biodiversity issues. He listed tools for monitoring the physical environment, such as pens, pencils, cameras, and whistles, and emphasized the need to document the findings or monitor the evidence.

The meeting concluded with the reconciliation between the Traditional Community Council and Host Community Network operating in the community, promoting a peaceful and organized strategy for advocacy, campaigning and participation to build a well-structured grassroots movement of impacted communities. This historic event will enhance local people's voices to mobilize for action to end fossil-fuel colonialism, expansion, and exploitation.





# Sb58 Bonn Able to Deliver the Ambitious Agenda to Tackle Climate Crisis Ahead of COP28 in UAE.

Report from  
 Prince Israel Orekha  
 (Connected Advocacy)  
 Engagement at United  
 Nation Climate Change  
 Conference, Bonn  
 Germany 2023.

## Introduction

The UN Climate Change Conference provided a vital forum for international discussion and climate change action. This report gives a thorough description of our participation in the conference, highlighting key agenda adopted, important lessons learned, difficulties encountered, and recommendations.

Overview of participation: Connected Advocacy (NGO) admitted as observers by the Conference of the Parties of the fifty-eighth sessions of the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SB 58).

The session which was held from 5 to 15 June 2023 at the World Conference

Center Bonn (WCCB), Platz der Vereinten Nationen 2, 53113 Bonn, Germany.

Israel P. Orekha, Our Director who represented us at the above-mentioned Conference, he brought local community participation index on the impact of climate change in Nigeria, sharing his perspective from the Civil Society and indigenous impacted communities from the Niger Delta, and also provided the needed recommendation to some of the session participated and actions which took place during the conference.

Below are some of the activities participated

- Participated in conversations and negotiations with the youth constituency, indigenous communities, Africa group of negotiators

- Represented young people's and local communities interests throughout crucial meetings, as Connected Advocacy supported the Global Youth Coalition with our platform with the UNFCCC to organize a world press conference to share key issues that affect young people and the need to upscale funding for youth project, climate education and the need to increase youth involvement in policy formulation and implementation from local , national, regional and global because the fight against climate change require a collective action.

- Climate action march to demand loss and damage financing and adaptation in the agenda for strong climate change measures for impacted communities and vulnerable groups especially in the global south.

- We part of the bilateral engagement with the Nigeria delegation which led by the DG Nigeria Climate Change Council on the need to improve more collaboration and participation in mitigating climate crisis which Nigeria is really facing the brunt of the impact from the north to south.

Observed SB 58 Joint Agenda Adopted:

- 1.Nairobi work program on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change.
- 2.Review of the progress, effectiveness and performance of the Adaptation Committee. \*

- 3.Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh work program on the global goal on adaptation referred to in decision 7/CMA.3. \*

- 6.Matters relating to the Santiago network under the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts. \*

- 7.Matters relating to the global stock-take under the Paris Agreement. \*

- 8.Work program on just transition pathways referred to in the relevant paragraphs of decision 1/CMA.4. \*



- 9.Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security. \*

- 10.Matters relating to the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures serving the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. \*

#### Lessons

During our participation at the SB58 Conference, the young people, and indigenous communities where given opportunity to obtained insightful knowledge and participate in key events. Some important lessons include:

- Improved knowledge of the severity and urgency of climate change consequences.

- Knowledge of international frameworks for climate policy, such as the Paris Agreement.

- Exposure to cutting-edge methods and strategies for reducing climate change impact.

- Information on globally effective youth-led initiatives.

- Improved advocacy and communication abilities as a result of contact with many stakeholders.

- The venue was well crafted to connect the office and the venue with translations devices to allow for inclusive participation.



### Observations/ Challenges

Throughout the conference, some observations and challenges, including:

- Restricted access to some high-level meetings
- Attending all intended events can be difficult due to time restrictions and conflicting sessions.
- Financial limitations, such as the cost of lodging, transportation, and meals.
- Nigerian negotiators were absent in most of the negotiation's meeting observed

### Recommendations

The following suggestions and recommendation:

- Upscaling mitigative actions for subnational, regional climate crisis interventions for impacted communities.
- Build local resilience capacity for adaptation and provide resource for on the ground communities participation in the fight against climate change.
- Global North should not fail in the Justification of funding for developing countries like Africa who emits less than 4% Co2, but suffer more of the impact of climate crisis.

- Improve early warning system as safeguard for community protection mechanism and resettlement plans for victims of climate disasters.

- Investment in just energy transition technology for developing countries, to help them comprehend knowledge gaps and technicalities involved in the production, management for enhanced indigenous knowledge on renewable energy production and access.

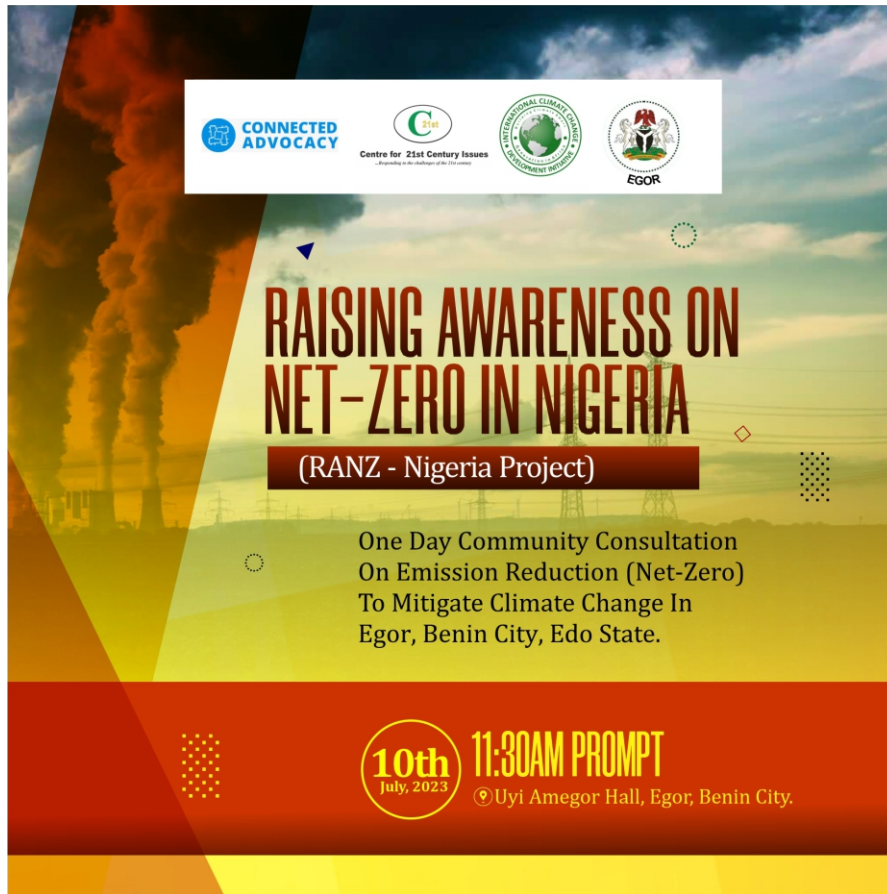
- Investment in green jobs for youth and improved locally led agriculture to tackle insecurity and unemployment

- Polluters and investors should be held accountable for environmental aggradation and remediations before divestment, this Schedules should be carefully planned to avoid conflicts of interest, exclusions and allow for local community participation.

- Special task force should be established to visit impacted community for on-the-spot assessment to provide equal opportunities for impacted communities e.g., Niger Delta communities in Nigeria and Senegal, Uganda mention but a few.

### Conclusion

To ensure a sustainable and resilient future, it is crucial to keep 1.5`c promise alive on the agenda and sure prompt climate action to mitigate climate emergency, that the world is currently faced with. The need for joint climate action, improved people centered policy, technology transfer for emission reduction, improve synergy with the Global North and the Global South, funding for loss and damage, adaptation support for indigenous knowledge and innovation for conservation of our ecosystem, and inclusive community participation in the fight against climate, together we can.



# COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON NET-ZERO IN NIGERIA SOUTH-SOUTH & NORTH WEST REGION

**- CONDUCTED BY CONNECTED ADVOCACY**

## Statistics Of Participants

Attendance South-South Region Edo State (Egor LGA): | Men:58 | Women: 48 | Youths: 49 | Total: 155

**Location:** Uyi Amengor Conference Hall,  
Egor LGA, Benin City, Edo State.  
Date of Event:10 July, 2023

Attendance North-West Region Kaduna

State (Sabon Gari LGA):  
Men: 85 | Women: 23 | Youths: 40 | Total: 148

**Location:** Sabon Gari LGA Pilgrims Welfare Board Hall, Sabon Gari LGA Secretariat, Dogarawa. Kaduna State.  
Date of Event :15th July 2023.

## Summary Of Presentation

**D**uring the event, Elders of the community lead group prayers for the organizers and the community, a knowledgeable speaker Prince Israel Orekha, Executive Director of Connected Advocacy provided a comprehensive explanation of the concept of Net Zero emissions, emphasizing its importance in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and achieving carbon balance. The presentation specifically highlighted the relevance of Net Zero to Sabon Gari and Egor LGA of Kaduna and Edo states respectively, taking into account the unique environmental context and challenges faced in the local area. The audience gained valuable insights into the significance of adopting Net Zero strategies in addressing climate change and environmental concerns in their community. Other speakers Mr John Akinnuba Centre for Ecological and Community Development, Ibrahim Muhammad Shamsuddin, Resilience Officer -Surge Africa Organization, Sunday Asiye Program



Officer Afrika Green Solutions a Renewable Energy Savers Expert emphasized the community's pivotal role in achieving Net Zero. They shared valuable insights from successful case studies and best practices implemented in other communities. Topics covered included energy efficiency measures, adopting renewable energy sources, effective waste management strategies, promoting sustainable transportation, and empowering community-based initiatives. The audience gained valuable knowledge on practical steps they can

take to contribute to the Net Zero goal, making the event informative and empowering for all attendees. Comments Made by Participants After the presentations, participants had the opportunity to share their thoughts, ask questions, and contribute to the topic of Achieving Net Zero in their Local Government. The imperative for increase Awareness: The participants expressed their intention to educate their community about the significance of tree planting. Another highlighted the importance of the



government setting an example by planting trees along roads to benefit the environment.

**Waste disposal and waste management:** A question was raised about the improper disposal of refuse, inability for government to provide the needed waste recycling plant, vans and waste bins to address environmental pollution and indiscriminate dumping of refuse, the need for government to implement environmental policy is a serious concern.

**Renewable Energy Transition and the economic implication:** Participant expresses concern over the high cost of solar equipment, they advise that government and developing partners to subsidize cost price, to allow for more rural community to transit to clean and environmentally friendly energy, as they transit from fossil fuel to renewable energy. They also inquired about the affordability of solar energy for low-income families, and Mr. Sunny Asejie provided a suitable response, suggesting that forming cooperatives for renewable energy could help reduce energy poverty and achieve sustainable development in the community.

The participants actively engaged in discussions, sharing their insights and experiences. The significance of knowledge sharing, capacity building, and fostering partnerships among community members and stakeholders was emphasized, making the event a collaborative and informative platform for addressing barriers militating

against achieving Net Zero regions.

#### Lessons Learnt

The event was a resounding success in raising awareness about Net Zero and its importance to the community. It created a platform for engaging discussions and active involvement from all stakeholders. Participants were inspired by the role they can play in achieving Net Zero emissions reduction strategy, learning from best practices and successful case studies. The event concluded on a positive note, leaving attendees empowered and motivated to drive the journey towards Net Zero in the regions.

Together, they are poised to make a lasting impact in the pursuit of a sustainable and carbon-neutral future.

#### Community's Vision for The Future:

#### Next Steps and Recommendations

The following recommendations were made by attendees;

- **Reforestation and Afforestation:** Planting trees and creating new forests to sequester carbon and enhance biodiversity.
- **Community-Based Initiatives:** Engage and empower the community to actively participate in Net-zero sustainability initiatives and drive positive change in the community.
- **Advocacy and Education:** Raise awareness about Net Zero and its benefits, providing educational programs to inspire further action and understanding at the grassroots.
- **Collaboration and Partnerships:** Foster collaborations with local governments, businesses, and NGOs to pool resources and expertise for collective Net Zero efforts.

# PHOTO SPEAK FOR RANTZ EVENT

South-South Region Edo State (Egor LGA)



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North-West Region Kaduna State (Sabon Gari LGA)



# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

1. Africa-Europe Climate Crisis Impact Learning Documentary
2. Unveiling of Naija Climate Matters :Data Base for documenting Loss and damage that has occurred ([www.climatematter.org](http://www.climatematter.org).)
3. Global Solidarity Against fossil-fuels colonialism & expansion in Africa (Campaign)
4. Review of the Nigeria NDCs accessing level of performance, and meeting up with their commitment to local communities decarbonization, adopting energy efficient models of transportations etc.
5. High Impact Climate Leadership Summit On Net-Zero
6. Accelerating local community energy transition (The Alternative for fossil-fuels and livelihood loss)
7. School of Environment and Energy Democracy (SEED Co-hurt 1)
8. Net-Zero Local Awareness Campaign (The Community Consultation on Emission Reduction)
9. Strengthen Women Activist Voices on Climate Justice
10. Art 4 Climate Justice Academy: The Niger Delta Climate Change Exhibition 3rd Edition
11. Strengthening Collaboration for Mitigative Climate Crisis -Pre-Cop28, Cop28 side events, exhibitions and Post Cop28 activities.

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