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PROF. NENIBARINI ZABBEY
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Since assuming office as the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), one of my priorities has been to advance inclusive participation across all aspects of the Ogoni Cleanup. To ensure that every segment of our population shares in the ownership and benefits of this historic mission, we have intentionally increased women's representation to 45% of our community workforce. This same commitment to equity drives our special interventions for critically underserved populations, particularly persons living with disabilities, who have been excluded from most public programmes.

As part of our Alternative Livelihood Training Programme, we consulted the leadership of Ogoni persons living with disabilities (OPLWDs) to map their skill preferences. The objective was to help them secure a livelihood and financial independence through self-chosen skill development. We then rolled out five skill streams reserved exclusively for 300 physically challenged beneficiaries. We recently celebrated the completion of their training, empowering the first two cohorts in Fashion & Design and Photography with starter packs and walking aids. The close-out ceremonies for the remaining three skill streams (shoemaking, basic computer, and fish farming) will take place in the coming weeks. To overcome communication barriers during these sessions, we engaged a Certified Deaf Interpreter, ensuring that project updates and economic opportunities were fully accessible to every participant.

Our ongoing investment in the youth of Ogoniland is delivering tangible, life-changing results across multiple fronts. Over 2,400 young people are currently acquiring high-demand technical skills at our livelihood training centres, while 1,432 community workers were recently engaged at our shoreline cleanup and mangrove restoration sites. These recruitment efforts have increased the total number of direct jobs created by the Ogoni Cleanup for Ogoni youths to over 8,500. Furthermore, following the gracious approval of the Honourable Minister of Environment and Chairman of the HYPREP Governing Council, Balarabe Abbas Lawal, grants have now been fully disbursed to 500 Ogoni Postgraduate Scholarship awardees. The selection process for the scholarship was stringent, and all the grant awardees merited it.

Ogoni youths are a critical pillar of our stakeholder community. At our recent quarterly interactive session, we briefed the young leaders on project progress and reinforced the vital link between peace, environmental recovery, and sustainable development. We made it clear that environmental restoration cannot succeed amid conflict, just as economic progress cannot endure without a clean, healthy ecosystem. While ecological recovery requires patience, science, citizen stewardship, and continuous monitoring, the passion and constructive partnership of our youth remain indispensable to long-term success.

On Wednesday, 29th November 2023, we committed to meeting every quarter with Ogoni Youths. The regular quarterly forum unifies the various youth groups, builds transparent communication channels, updates on cleanup progress, and ensures direct economic participation and accountability. The presentation at our recent forum provided a comprehensive progress update across all HYPREP thematic areas, ensuring clear accountability not only for those physically present but also for youth across our local communities and our brothers and sisters in the diaspora.

As we mark the 10th anniversary of the Ogoni cleanup flag-off, our scientific evaluations and ongoing field inspections reveal deeply encouraging signs of ecological recovery. Crucially, we are seeing biodiversity return to Ogoni creeks, with vital aquatic species - including finfish and shellfish - returning gradually to the rehabilitated shorelines. This milestone brings immense joy to the Project Coordination Office and stands as undeniable proof that our shared labour and patience are yielding ecological renewal. We deeply appreciate the Ogoni youth and other project stakeholders for their steadfast cooperation, understanding, and

patience throughout this journey.

HYPREP's operational footprint continues to expand across multiple interconnected areas to ensure the Ogoni people enjoy a clean, peaceful, and prosperous environment. Beyond land remediation and livelihood restoration, our efforts also include providing potable water, targeted public health interventions, and major capital infrastructure. Key ongoing projects include the Ogoni Power Project, the Ogoni Specialist Hospital, Buan Cottage Hospital, and the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER), all designed to safeguard community wellbeing and foster sustainable growth. The future of Ogoni cannot be secured through conflict or division, but through unity, constructive dialogue, and a shared commitment to peace. We call on all Ogoni youths and project stakeholders to remain steadfast in safeguarding our communities' future by choosing dialogue as the most effective way to address concerns and improve our economic reality. Through understanding and active partnership, we will ensure that the benefits of environmental restoration leave a healthier, more prosperous legacy for generations yet unborn.

"Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth."



HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey Presents Starter Pack to a Physically Challenged Person Trained in Photography





HYPREP Mobility Support for Persons Living with Disabilities

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The Ogoni Clean-up Project, is paying off with the latest completion of the livelihood training programme for 300 Ogoni persons living with disabilities and the subsequent close out ceremony and presentation of starter packs and mobility aids to them.

The cheering news of a new lease of life for these vulnerable persons in the society is the lead story for the November edition of the HYPREP Herald. Prior to the graduation, the Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey had undertaken a facility visit to the training centres in to assess the content and quality of training being given to the trainees. Needless to say that the Project Coordinator was impressed with the facilities and content of the training.

We also bring you the report of the quarterly interactive session the Project Coordinator had with Ogoni youths as key stakeholders of the Project. At the forum, Prof. Zabbey assured the youths of greater and direct benefits to them from the Ogoni Clean-up Project, and used the occasion to update them on the progress recorded on the Project since the last interactive session with them.

Closely related to that is the formal presentation of grants to 500 Ogoni postgraduate students under the HYPREP Scholarship Support Scheme. The sum of N500,000 million was disbursed to each 300 students studying for their Masters and N1,000,000 for the 200 Doctoral students.

The House of Representatives Committee on Host Communities was in Ogoni on a two-day oversight visit to HYPREP project sites. The Honourable Members inspected a number of completed and on-going projects, including potable water schemes, environmental remediation sites, shoreline and mangrove restoration sites, public health intervention projects and programmes, the Ogoni Power Project, the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, among others. The Parliamentarians were impressed with the quality of projects executed and advised contractors still on site to speed up their works.

The Project Coordinator within the month had a number of engagements outside the office. He participated in the 2026 National Extractive Dialogue held in Port Harcourt and was represented at the 48th Annual Conference of the Forestry Association of Nigeria in Abuja by the Director, Technical Services, Prof. Damian-Paul Aguiyi. Both events provided veritable platforms to brief participants of the progress so far made on the Ogoni Clean-up Project.

Prof. Zabbey was as well a guest of the Director General of the Bureau of Public Procurement, Dr. Adebowale Adedokun and the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Aviation, Muhammad Kambari. He visited the Director General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr. Dayo Mobereola in Lagos. The separate meetings were held towards securing and strengthening strategic partnerships with the various institutions of the Federal Government to advance the gains of the Ogoni Clean-up Project.

Also, Prof. Zabbey received the technical team of the International Agency on the Research on Cancer of the World Health Organization (IARC-WHO), who visited the Project Coordination Office to brief the Project Coordinator on progress on the human biomonitoring study in Ogoni as recommended in the Unted Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report, which HYPREP is implementing. The Executive Secretary of the Rivers State Primary Healthcare Management Board (RSPHCMB), Dr. Chituru Adele was another caller at the HYPREP Head Office in Port Harcourt. Dr. Adele came to thank Prof. Zabbey for HYPREP's strengthening of public health facilities and services in Ogoni.

There is the poetry corner maintained for your reading pleasure.



Rt. Hon. Dumnamene Dekor Plants Mangrove Seedling ably Supported by HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Zabbey in Solidarity with Phase 2 Mangrove Restoration

News

LIVELIHOOD TRAINING: HYPREP GRADUATES FIRST BATCH OF OGONI PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES

It was a moment of celebration and an outpouring of encomiums on the Management of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) by members of the Ogoni Association of People Living with Disabilities, as 120 of their members graduated from a six-month vocational training in Photography and Fashion and Design.

The 120 persons are part of the 300 persons living with disabilities trained by HYPREP in five skill sets to give them a sense of inclusion in the Ogoni Clean-up Project.

At the closeout ceremony for the 120 persons trained in Photography and Fashion and Design held in Bori, Ogoni, the HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey commended the trainees for their dedication to the programme and presented starter packs and mobility aids to them.

The Project Coordinator expressed joy that the journey which the current administration of HYPREP, led by the Honourable Minister of Environment and Chairman of the Governing Council of HYPREP, Balarabe Abbas Lawal, started in 2023, with appeals by the leadership of the Ogoni Persons Living with Disabilities and the subsequent decision to integrate the body into HYPREP's benefit net, has finally become a reality.



Prof. Zabbey

Prof. Zabbey explained that the



HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey Presents Starter Pack to a Physically Challenged Person Trained in Photography

120 beneficiaries are the first batch of trainees in HYPREP's inclusive livelihood programme for the 300 persons living with disabilities trained in 5 skill sets, having 120 persons for Photography and Fashion and Design, and disclosed that the remaining 180 trainees will soon graduate from their training.

While thanking the President-General of Ogoni Association of People Living with Disabilities, Dr Baridapdoo Ngo Joy, and his team for their effort, constructive engagement, maturity and peaceful approach throughout the training, the HYPREP Coordinator emphasized that the achievement is a product of dialogue, patience and partnership, and also encouraged others to imbibe the culture of constructive engagement



Prof. Zabbey Wheels a Physically Challenged Person Gifted a Mobility Aid by HYPREP



Sewing Machines

regarding issues bordering on Ogoni progress.

For their business progress, he urged them to form clusters and cooperatives, so they can grow bigger and support each other, and again tasked them to be ambassadors of HYPREP at the grassroots and across Ogoni communities. "This is the Ogoni spirit we need for development," he said.

Prof. Zabbey reiterated that HYPREP is a promise keeper under the Renewed Hope Agenda of His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, and that the Federal Government continues to strengthen HYPREP's efforts to deliver on its mandate to the Ogoni people, adding that the issuance of scholarship grants to 500 postgraduate students from Ogoni, which was carried out the previous day and the completion of livelihood training for persons living with disabilities are demonstrations of these efforts.

"While HYPREP upholds inclusivity as its hallmark in project implementation, we are also compassionate, and we understand the pains of the people. Hence, our interventions cut across various thematic areas, including environmental restoration, provision of potable water, public health, peacebuilding and livelihoods, to ensure no one is left behind," Prof. Zabbey said.

Warning the beneficiaries against selling the starter packs and mobility aids, the Project Coordinator informed them that HYPREP has recently instituted a post-training tracking mechanism to monitor progress, and that he would like to see the benefits of the training reflect in their lives and businesses. He further warned that selling the items will lead to being blacklisted from all future HYPREP's interventions.



HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey Presents Starter Pack to a Physically Challenged Person Trained in Fashion and Design

In her remarks, the Head, Sustainable Livelihood Programme, Mrs. Josephine Nzidee, commended the Project Coordinator, Prof. Zabbey for including people living with disabilities in the HYPREP Livelihood Training Programme, and thanked the trainees for their zeal and tenacity in accomplishing the training.

She also acknowledged the expertise demonstrated by the instructors during the training, urging the beneficiaries to ensure optimum use of the skills acquired.

On his part, the President-General of Ogoni Association of People Living with Disabilities, Dr. Baridapdoo Ngo Joy, thanked the Minister of Environment, Balarabe Abbas Lawal, the Project Coordinator and the entire HYPREP management for extending the benefits of the Project to them, assuring that they will reciprocate the gesture with their support and adequate utilization of the skills.

He called on other leaders to emulate the good works of HYPREP through the Project Coordinator, describing him as a leader that listens to the most vulnerable people in the land.

The beneficiaries appreciated the Project Coordinator for giving them the opportunity to be trained and empowered with starter packs and mobility items, and assured HYPREP of their continued support and best use of the support items.

The Head, Communications, Dr. Enuolare Mba-Nwigoh, in his vote of thanks, also congratulated the graduands and charged them to tell the good stories of HYPREP to their families and friends.

PROF. ZABBEY URGES 2400 LIVELIHOODS TRAINEES TO BE AMBASSADORS OF OGONI CLEAN-UP PROJECT

The over 2400 latest beneficiaries of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) funded livelihoods training programmes have been urged to be good ambassadors and champions of the transformational efforts of the Project.

The Project Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey made the appeal during his official visit to some of the high-demand skills training centres in Port Harcourt.

The skills acquisition centres visited by the Project Coordinator, Prof. Zabbey, in company of officials of the Project, include the Full Stack Development and Graphic/Animation training centres at Eneka and the Rivers State University, and the Cyber Security Training Centre on the Ken Saro-Wiwa road in Port Harcourt.

Addressing trainees at the various centres, the Project Coordinator said he was excited seeing them in good numbers and fully participating in the class work, saying he was at the centres to encourage them, and to assess their level of participation in the training.

Prof. Zabbey congratulated the trainees for emerging successful through the transparent computer-based selection process, appealing to them to take the training seriously, work extra hard and independently, create opportunities for internship and to be champions of the Ogoni Cleanup Project by telling the success story and utilizing the skills acquired.

He charged them not to just build career, but to maximize the opportunity, contribute to the success of the Project, become agents of positive change in their respective families, develop their communities and the nation at large, adding that the sky will be their take-off point, if they are committed to the training.



Prof. Zabbey Interacts with HYPREP Sponsored Trainees in High-Demand Skills

The Project Coordinator also urged the trainees to correct any form of misinformation and doubt on the Project's successes, reiterating that the objective of the training was to make Ogoni a hub of high demand skills, and urged them to think and act as innovators.

"I came to encourage you, and I'm impressed and motivated by your enthusiasm in the training. I wish you well, and believe you will all maximize this rare opportunity and contribute to the success of the Project, your family, and the growth of the community, Ogoni and national development. We want investors and entrepreneurs to come to Ogoni to get skilled personnel. So, make the very best of the training.

"Success requires a lot of labour, discipline and commitment. A lot has been invested into these high demand skills, even in the engagement of instructors and consultants, like Tombari sibe, who is an international cyber security expert. We're on a transformative journey. We're restoring traditional livelihoods, using holistic approach deliberately, even as we're also developing a template that will be duplicated in other parts of the Niger Delta," Prof. Zabbey said.

The Project Coordinator explained that HYPREP is simultaneously training a critical mass of over 2400 Ogoni youths and women in the following high demand skills: Software Development, Full Stack Development, Mud Lugging, Rigging, Animation and Graphics, Cyber Security, Ship Fabrication and Blasting, Rope Access, Geographical Information System (GIS) and Crowd Mapping, adding that others are trained in Commercial Diving and

Underwater Welding.

He stated that everyone has a role to play to ensure the success of the cleanup project and development of Ogoni, reminding them of the core mandate of HYPREP, which is remediating the environment and restoring the livelihoods of the people, and expressed delight in the ecosystem recovery with signs of aquatic life returning to Ogoni creeks.

Prof. Zabbey enumerated the relevance and benefits of the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration built by HYPREP to the training programme, and the increase of periwinkle harvesters from different communities seen in the creeks, disclosing that HYPREP is about to start a project called "Green Ogoni," in collaboration with experts from the Forestry Department of the Federal Ministry of Environment and the already formed Environment Clubs in 32 Secondary Schools in Ogoni. In doing this, he said, trees will be planted along streets, schools, churches, etc, and this will complement mangrove planting by the Mangrove Vanguards in the creeks.

The Project Coordinator further charged the trainees to be proud of what HYPREP is doing, saying the Ogoni remediation and mangrove restoration project, which is the world's largest of its kind, needs to be secured and owned by the people.

In his speech, the Lead Consultant in Cyber Security, Dr. Tombari Sibe, said he is delighted to be part of the HYPREP training because he is an Ogoni, not just as cyber security expert, acknowledging that HYPREP is actually restoring the ecosystem. "It is pleasing, and more pleasing is the restoration of life through these most required skills.

"The teaching is of international standard. That's why even we, the consultants, would like to take some of the trainees upon graduation. I look forward to seeing the trainees doing well," Sibe said.

He thanked the Project Coordinator and HYPREP for enrolling Ogoni youths and women in skills training, believing that successful trainees will have good stories to tell.

In like manner, trainees at the various centres expressed appreciation to HYPREP for giving them the opportunity to acquire the high-demand skills, with full financial cost borne by HYPREP.

In their separate speeches,



Prof. Zabbey Sits with HYPREP Sponsored Trainees in High-Demand Skills

Barineka Babiira (trainee in Graphics and Animation), Baritema Penu and Beauty Zaarakpege (trainees in Cyber Security) all commended Prof. Zabbey and HYPREP, describing the training as well thought-out and life-giving initiative, saying they learnt a lot, and will remain grateful to HYPREP, even for the choice of the Consultant.

"The classes have been very engaging, interactive, with practical and theoretical works. We are happy and thank the Project Coordinator and HYPREP for making us part of this training. HYPREP's choice of Facilitator is commendable. We want the Project Coordinator to keep it up, and should continue the human capacity development," they acknowledged.



Prof. Zabbey Interacts with HYPREP Sponsored Trainees in High-Demand Skills



Prof. Zabbey Addresses HYPREP Sponsored Trainees in High-Demand Skills

PROF. ZABBEY REASSURES OGONI YOUTHS OF GREATER, DIRECT BENEFITS FROM HYPREP PROGRAMMES

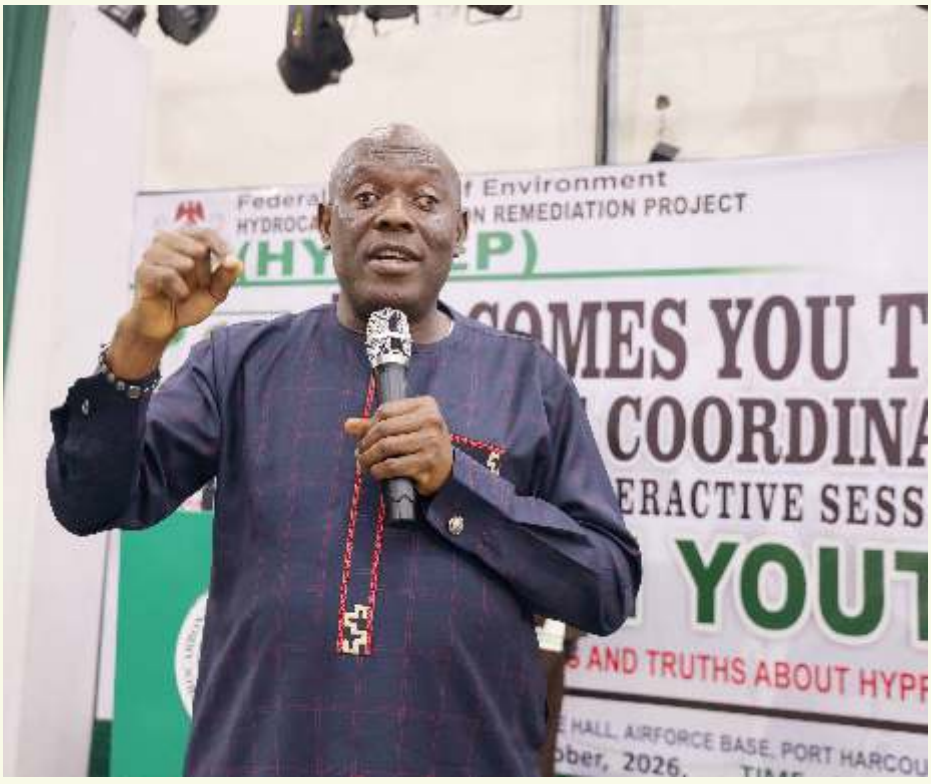
The Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey has again assured the youths and other stakeholders of the Ogoni Cleanup Project of the sustained commitment of the Project Coordination Office and other drivers of the Project to the full, transparent and direct delivery of the Project's benefits to all categories of people within the Ogoni community.

Prof. Zabbey gave the assurance at the recently organized HYPREP Quarterly Interactive Session with Ogoni Youth, in Port Harcourt, which was attended by over 2000 youths and some leaders from across Ogoni communities.

The HYPREP Coordinator also used the occasion to announce that the Honourable Minister of Environment and Chairman of the Governing Council of HYPREP, Balarabe Abbas Lawal, has graciously approved the release of the grants for the Ogoni Postgraduate Scholarship awardees.

He said the Youth Engagement was particularly significant because it was part of the commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the Ogoni clean-up, and reemphasized the need for peace and protection of facilities installed by HYPREP, which, according to him, are requirements for the sustainable development of Ogoniland and are central to HYPREP's mandate, adding that the Project recognises that environmental restoration cannot succeed without peace, and that development cannot be sustained without a clean and healthy environment.

Explaining the successes made in all thematic areas of the Project, he disclosed that HYPREP activities and programmes are all targeted at one goal; to ensure that the Ogoni people, including the vibrant youths, live meaningful lives in a clean, peaceful and prosperous environment, where the interests of every project stakeholder are protected within the framework of the Ogoni clean-up and beyond.



Prof. Zabbey

While urging the youths to engage with the clean-up process, take advantage of the opportunities available, and ensure that the benefits of environmental restoration and economic rebirth translate into improved lives and a progressive Ogoni, he added that HYPREP's efforts are yielding positive results, reminding them that environmental recovery takes time and requires patience, science, commitment and continuous monitoring, and that every sign of biodiversity recovery gives hope that the work HYPREP is doing will leave a healthier environment for generations yet unborn.

The HYPREP Coordinator expressed delight that aquatic species, including finfish and shellfish are seen gradually returning to restored areas of the Ogoni shoreline, thanking the Ogoni youths for the support and demonstration of their understanding, patience and cooperation, even in difficult times.

Acknowledging contributions and the challenges encountered in the implementation of the Clean-up Project, he called on all Ogoni people to remain steadfast in their commitment to peace and constructive engagement.

"You will recall that we created this



Cross Section of Participants at the Youth Interactive Forum

platform to give young people a voice and to keep you regularly updated on the progress of the work. Recall also that the resolution to hold a quarterly engagement was adopted at the 2023 fourth-quarter engagement held on Wednesday, 29th November 2023, to bring together various youth groups and build a barrier against disunity in the public interest. At that meeting, we also committed to ensuring that Ogoni youth benefit directly from HYPREP activities in Ogoniland," he said.

Prof. Zabbey noted that HYPREP's commitment to empowering Ogoni youths is evident with the over 2400 youths acquiring high-demand skills across the Project's livelihood training centres, 1432 community workers recently engaged on shoreline cleanup and mangrove restoration sites, and other ongoing projects, adding that this has increased the number of direct jobs created for Ogoni youth to over 8500.

He said HYPREP is intentional about inclusivity, ensuring that the underserved populations are the project partners, hinting that women make up 45% of the Project's community workers, and that training for 300 Ogoni persons with special needs (physically challenged) in 5 skill sets they chose has just ended.

These figures, Prof. Zabbey said, are in addition to the other beneficiaries of HYPREP's interventions, and that the Project's focus is to ensure young people are not only beneficiaries of the Project but also active partners and owners of the process of rebuilding Ogoni.

The Project Coordinator emphasised that the future of Ogoni cannot be secured through conflict or division, and that their responsibility as young people is to protect the future of the communities by pursuing peace, staying united and choosing dialogue as the most effective way to address their concerns. "Through dialogue, understanding, and constructive engagement, we can communicate our yearnings, improve our economic realities, and achieve sustainable development," he stressed.

In his goodwill message, the Project Support Lead, Renaissance Africa Energy Company Limited in HYPREP, Engr, Ehioze Igbinomwanhia, expressed satisfaction with the commitment and successes achieved by HYPREP in the implementation of the Ogoni Clean-up Project, saying he doubts if there is any project that is as impactful as HYPREP in the region.

Describing HYPREP's Project as standard and of good quality, the Renaissance representative reassured the people of Ogoni of the company's continued support, noting that they are very passionate about the total remediation of soil and groundwater in the area.

"I'm happy to see life returning; I'm happy about manpower, capacity development in the Project. There is nowhere in Nigeria where government

has put 15 million litres of water in a particular community. So, I appeal to the youths to support HYPREP and protect the facilities. Let's defend HYPREP," he said.

Meanwhile, in acknowledgement of the commitment and achievement made on the Project within the past three years, a vote of confidence was passed in the Project Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey on behalf of the youths by Dr. Baridapdoo Ngo Joy and supported with a voice vote by participants.

Other highlights of the event included presentation of Facts, Figures and Truth about HYPREP by the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, Question and Answer session and goodwill messages from key stakeholders. They include Comrade Menele Nziidee and Comrade Christian Lekia, among others.

The Director of Technical Services, Prof. Damian Paul-Aguiyi, in his vote of thanks, commended the youths for their peaceful disposition throughout the session, and appealed to them to resist every attempt to use them to cause crisis that could impede the progress of work in the area.



Engr. Igbinomwanhia



Cross Section of Participants at the Youth Interactive Forum

500 OGONI POSTGRADUATES RECEIVE HYPREP SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

The Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) has disbursed a total of N350 Million as scholarship grants to 500 Ogoni youths studying for their Masters and Doctoral degrees, as part of its contribution and investments in the people's educational development in line with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) recommendation for creating and promoting alternative livelihoods in response to the environmental challenges in Ogoni.

The Postgraduate Scholarship Programme has two categories of 300 master's postgraduate students being given the sum of N500,000 each and 200 Ph.D students receiving the sum of N1,000,000 each.

In his speech at the award ceremony which was held in Port Harcourt, the Project Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey congratulated the beneficiaries of the HYPREP Postgraduate Scholarship, reminding them that beyond the grants, the intervention was also about renewing hope and the future they are co-creating in Ogoni, noting that education gives knowledge, but it also places a responsibility on them to use that knowledge to improve society and to see the scholarship as a call to service.

Urging the beneficiaries to be active partners in the Ogoni Cleanup Project, Prof. Zabbey emphasised the need for them to maximize the benefits and countless opportunities arising from the Project by engaging in cutting-edge, multidisciplinary research for the benefit of the people.

"As researchers in different fields, you must understand that you hold an important place in shaping the future of Ogoni. The Ogoni community looks to you for ideas, leadership and solutions to the various challenges facing our people. You are expected to question old and unsustainable ways of doing things, develop new ideas, innovate, create opportunities, and help build a society where the next generation can live in peace and sustainable economic prosperity.

"This scholarship intervention is one way HYPREP is contributing to that objective by building human capacity, expanding opportunities, and preparing our people to participate across different sectors of the economy. The programme was conceived and is being implemented to reinforce the role of researchers and intellectuals as drivers of development. Through these efforts, HYPREP has become a major contributor to the region's transformation and an important partner in shaping our communities' future," he said.

Prof. Zabbey reassured that HYPREP will continue to implement projects and carry out activities aimed at restoring the environment, improving livelihoods, and creating a foundation for sustainable development, in line with the recommendations of the UNEP Report and the directive contained in the HYPREP Establishment Gazette 2016.

He listed such projects and efforts to include soil and groundwater



Prof. Zabbey

remediation, shoreline clean-up, mangrove restoration, provision of potable water, the construction of the 100-bed Ogoni Specialist Hospital and the 43-bed Cottage Hospital, strengthening of existing health facilities, the construction of the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, the Ogoni Power Project, livelihood training and empowerment, postgraduate scholarships and other educational support, environmental monitoring and health-related research, including the ongoing 3-year human biomonitoring survey in collaboration with the WHO International Agency for Research on Cancer; and community engagement activities, peacebuilding efforts and environmental awareness programmes and many more.

While appealing for their support for the Project, Prof. Zabbey acknowledged that HYPREP cannot realise its vision alone, as the success of the Ogoni Clean-up Project requires the commitment of all stakeholders and partners, and that Ogoni's future depends on the contributions of its people, particularly postgraduate students.

According to the Project Coordinator, "HYPREP is a multi-stakeholder project, and this inclusive approach is one reason we continue to make progress. As professionals and intellectuals, we must contribute ideas, innovation, and solutions. You must build bridges for peace, establish professional and business networks, and use your diverse skills to strengthen the extensive work HYPREP is doing. We must move beyond the memories and differences that divide us and focus on the common future that unites us.

"We must continue to create space for honest conversations, listen to one another, and resolve disagreements peacefully. We must also recognise the role of partnership and our collective responsibility in shaping the future of Ogoni. As you can see, HYPREP is implementing its mandate in partnership with government institutions, including the Rivers State Government Agencies and our Local Government Councils, Ogoni communities, traditional institutions, Renaissance Africa Energy Limited, the civil society, and other stakeholders.

He expressed optimism that the Project will achieve greater success when the people understand its objectives, protect and take ownership of its programmes and regard HYPREP's success as their own,



Cross Section of Beneficiaries of HYPREP Post Graduate Scholarship Programme During the Grant-Award Ceremony in Port Harcourt



HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Zabbey Posses with Beneficiaries of HYPREP Postgraduate Scholarship Programme

appealing to the scholars to use their education, professional influence, research, networks and innovative ideas to support the Project as efforts are being made to advance the development of Ogoni.

On the perceived delay in the disbursement of the grants, Prof. Zabbey said their concerns were important, but urged them to assess HYPREP by its overall commitment, actions and record of delivery, saying HYPREP remains committed to the Project's objectives and to fulfilling its responsibilities to beneficiaries, reminding them that public projects require careful planning, approval processes, accountability and due process, and these responsibilities must be balanced with the need to deliver results.

Prof. Zabbey urged the beneficiaries to let the scholarship mark the beginning of their lifelong commitment to service, leadership and community development, expressing delight that, through collective efforts, HYPREP is contributing to national development and translating the Federal Government's commitment to the restoration of the Ogoni environment, adding that the ceremony further demonstrated that commitment, as set out in the Renewed Hope Agenda, under which the Ogoni Cleanup was elevated to a national priority.

He appreciated President Ahmed Bola Tinubu for his continued support for the progress of the Project and thanked the Honourable Minister of Environment and Chairman of the HYPREP Governing Council, Balarabe Abbas Lawal, for his fatherly guidance.

The Head, Sustainable Livelihood, Mrs. Josephine Nzidee gave an overview of HYPREP's livelihood interventions in Ogoniland, followed by a recap on the selection process by the Managing Director, Pa-ED Multilinks Consulting, Mr. Edward Baa.

Goodwill messages were given by a member of the HYPREP Governing Council, Prof. Barinedum Nwibere; the Convener, Ogoni Postgraduate Students Forum, Bariatonlo Ken Nnaane; and the President, National Union of Ogoni Students, Comrade Aliba ThankGod.

The Director of Technical Services, Prof. Damian-Paul Aguiyi in his vote of thanks congratulated the beneficiaries and charged them to tell the success story of HYPREP's livelihood programmes and other infrastructural development initiatives, and commended Prof. Zabbey on his commitment to the postgraduate scholarship programme, reassuring the people of Ogoni of HYPREP's commitment to the full implementation of the Ogoni Clean up Project.

HOUSE OF REPS C'TTEE SCORES HYPREP 80% ON PROJECT PERFORMANCE - *Cautions Contractors Against Work Delay*

The House of Representatives Committee on Host Communities has commended the performance of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), scoring it 80 per cent in its implementation of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report on Ogoniland.

The Committee gave the commendation while on an oversight visit to some project sites of HYPREP in Ogoni communities to assess the performance of the Ogoni Clean-up Project.

Chairman of the Committee, Rt. Hon. Dumnamene Dekor, who represents Khana/Gokana Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives, expressed satisfaction with the progress recorded in environmental remediation, mangrove restoration, provision of potable water, healthcare interventions, livelihood restoration, and construction of legacy infrastructure (Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, the Ogoni Specialist Hospital, and the Ogoni Power Project).

At the end of the visit, Rt. Hon. Dekor said the Committee had gained a clearer understanding of HYPREP's interventions and their impact on host communities, noting that the projects visited demonstrated renewed momentum in the implementation of the Ogoni Cleanup Project.

The Committee Chairman emphasized that they arrived at such figure based on the Committee's observations, noting that several projects were still ongoing, while additional contracts and interventions were expected to further advance the cleanup project.

He particularly commended the Project's livelihood programme, which has trained approximately 2,400 Ogoni women and youths in specialised skills, noting that the initiative would equip beneficiaries with relevant technical know-how for employment opportunities locally and internationally.

Dekor called on parties responsible for the pollution in Ogoni to fulfil their financial obligations, stressing that additional resources would be required to sustain the Project and address outstanding remediation needs.



Members of the House Committee on Host Communities at the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, Wiiyaakara

While commending HYPREP's achievements, the Chairman also urged the Project Management to address delays by contractors, citing the need for timely delivery of projects in the communities.

The Committee further encouraged HYPREP to expand the use of solar energy to power water facilities, highlighting the K-Dere Water Station as an example of the benefits of solar-powered infrastructure in ensuring reliable access to potable water.

Also, a member of the Committee, Hon. Clement Jimbo, representing Abak/Etim Ekpo/Ika Federal Constituency, said the visit had significantly changed his perception of the extent of environmental recovery in Ogoniland.

He noted that the Committee had observed evidence of ecological recovery, including mangrove restoration that has given rise to renewed fishing activities, alongside investments in power infrastructure, healthcare, and skills development.

Jimbo commended the Federal Government for entrusting the leadership of HYPREP to an Ogoni indigene, describing the approach as valuable to the development of the area, and urged the people of Ogoni to own, protect and maximise the benefits of the infrastructure and opportunities provided through the Project.

The Committee visited several project sites, including the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER) and the Ogoni Power Project at Wiiyaakara, the 100-bed Ogoni Specialist Hospital at Kpite, the 43-bed Cottage Hospital at Buan, the K-Dere Water Station, and the ongoing Yeghe Water Station.

Other projects inspected include land and groundwater remediation sites in Ogale, Eleme, mangrove restoration sites in Bomu and Bodo communities, the Model Primary Health Centre in Onne, livelihood training centres for Software Development, Animation/Graphics Design and Cybersecurity in Port Harcourt.

On his part, HYPREP Project Coordinator, Professor Nenibarini Zabbey expressed appreciation to the lawmakers for dedicating two days to the oversight visit to the Project's sites, noting that the visit provided an opportunity for them to assess progress firsthand.

He explained that HYPREP is currently implementing approximately 130 project sites across Ogoniland, making it impossible to visit every location in just two days but stated that the representative sites visited provided the Committee with



K-Dere Water Station

an overview of project implementation and impact.

Prof. Zabbey stressed that HYPREP's focus extends beyond completing individual projects to ensuring their long-term sustainability and establishing a lasting foundation for the socio-economic development of Ogoni, adding that HYPREP had developed a framework to guide the sustainable operation of the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration.

The HYPREP Coordinator also revealed that studies had been concluded on the power distribution network for Ogoni communities, as well as the socio-economic development of Ogoniland.

According to him, the studies provide the roadmap for extending the benefits of the Power project and guiding post-cleanup development.

On environmental restoration, Prof. Zabbey highlighted HYPREP's community-driven approach to mangrove restoration, explaining that local people had been trained as Mangrove Vanguards to supply seedlings, participate in restoration activities, and monitor progress of planted mangrove seedlings.



Honourable Members at Ogoni Power Station

Prof. Zabbey reaffirmed the HYPREP's commitment to implementing its mandate, strengthening community participation, and ensuring that the benefits of the cleanup programme endure for future generations.



Chairman and Members of the House of Reps. Committee on Host Communities Celebrate HYPREP Mangrove Restoration

RESTORING NIGER DELTA ENVIRONMENT REQUIRES COLLABORATION OF STAKEHOLDERS - *Prof. Zabbey*

The Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) says restoring the oil polluted environment of the Niger Delta requires the collaboration of all stakeholders to make it deliver its ecosystem goods and services and to foster sustainable development of the region.

Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey stated this at the 2026 National Extractive Dialogues (NED 2026) Communities Forum held in Port Harcourt.

Prof. Zabbey said the theme of the dialogue, ***"Remediation Before Divestment and Energy Transition: Amplifying the Bille Environmental Crisis",*** speaks directly to the core mandate of HYPREP which is remediating the environment and restoring livelihoods of impacted communities.

"For HYPREP, this is not merely a policy conversation but one grounded in practical field experience. The Ogoni experience shows that environmental pollution can have consequences that extend far beyond the physical environment, affecting livelihoods, public health, community relations, economic activity, and trust in public institutions. It also shows that, collectively, we can restore and conserve our environment to achieve sustainable development."

The HYPREP Coordinator explained that the Project's experience in Ogoniland shows that environmental restoration is possible and expressed gratitude to the administration of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for making the Ogoni Clean-up a national priority.

"HYPREP was established to implement the recommendations of the UNEP report on the Environmental Assessment of Ogoniland. The project's core mandate is to remediate oil-contaminated land, restore oil-degraded mangroves and restore livelihoods.

"The Federal Government, through the *Renewed Hope Agenda,* has made the Ogoni cleanup a national priority and tasked HYPREP with accelerating it. This policy commitment underscores the role of government in transforming environmental restoration from a community concern into a collective effort towards national development."

Prof. Zabbey commended organizers of the forum for creating a platform that enables synergy and constructive engagement for partners to brainstorm for the restoration of the environment.

"I therefore commend Spaces for Change, NEITI, NOSDRA and all partners for creating this platform for constructive engagement.

"HYPREP, in line with the provisions of the project's Establishment Gazette 2016, remains committed to sharing its experience and to fostering constructive partnerships that advance environmental restoration and management, sustainable livelihoods and development, transparency and accountability, and peace in the Niger Delta."

He informed the gathering that HYPREP in collaboration with host communities has made remarkable progress with its mandate across thematic areas of the Project in the last ten years of its establishment.

"HYPREP recently celebrated 10 years since the launch of the Ogoni clean-up, an opportunity to highlight progress to date. Working with host communities, we have advanced implementation across all thematic areas, as articulated in our next presentation at this conference, titled "Cleaning up Ogoniland: current status and challenges - the HYPREP experience."

He said lessons from the Ogoni cleanup would continue to inform HYPREP's engagement with stakeholders, while reaffirming the Project's commitment to its mandate of remediating the environment.



Participants at the 2026 National Extractive Dialogue held in Port Harcourt

HYPREP LINKS RESTORED 560-HECTARE OGONI MANGROVE FOREST TO FOOD SECURITY

The Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey has identified mangrove restoration, sustainable forestry and climate-smart agriculture as critical strategies for tackling food insecurity and strengthening Nigeria's resilience against climate change.

Prof. Zabbey who was represented by HYPREP's Director of Technical Services, Prof. Damian-Paul Aguiyi made this known in his keynote address at the 48th Annual Conference of the Forestry Association of Nigeria (FAN), held at the Federal Ministry of Environment's Green Building Auditorium, Central Area, Abuja.



Prof. Damian-Paul Aguiyi with the National President, Forestry Association of Nigeria, Dr. Abiodum Afolabi, Receiving Award on Behalf of Prof. Zabbey

Speaking on the theme, "Global Climate Change and Food Security: Issues, Challenges, Efforts, and Exploits in Nigeria," Prof. Zabbey stressed that sustainable food production depends on protecting and restoring the ecosystems that support agriculture, fisheries and rural livelihoods.

"A farmer cannot maintain productivity indefinitely on degraded soil. A fishing community cannot sustain its livelihood where wetlands and mangrove forests are destroyed," he stated.

He identified unpredictable rainfall, flooding, prolonged drought, deforestation, coastal erosion and environmental pollution as major threats to agricultural productivity and food security, warning that the destruction of forests undermines soil fertility, disrupts water cycles and weakens the natural systems that sustain food production.

Highlighting HYPREP's intervention in Ogoniland, Prof. Zabbey disclosed that the Project had completed the restoration of 560 hectares of oil-degraded mangroves as of December 2025, with two years of monitoring data showing more than 90 per cent survival of planted mangroves.

Building on this achievement, he disclosed that HYPREP's Phase 2 restoration of an additional 483 hectares of oil-degraded mangroves in Ogoniland commenced over a month ago and is progressing well, marking another significant step in the Project's efforts to rehabilitate degraded coastal ecosystems and restore livelihoods.

He explained that the restoration programme combines scientific shoreline clean-up techniques, community-based planting of multiple mangrove species and multi-stakeholder monitoring to promote ecological recovery across degraded intertidal areas.

According to him, HYPREP's comparative pre and post restoration fish stock assessments showed increased species richness and a shift from a tilapia dominated fish community to a more diverse assemblage.

He added that periwinkle picking and other fishing activities had resumed in restored mangrove creeks, demonstrating the direct connection between ecological recovery, local livelihoods and food security.

"From our experience at HYPREP, the lesson is clear. Restoration works. Ecological restoration directly empowers economies and food security," he said.

To sustain these gains, Prof. Zabbey highlighted HYPREP's pilot clean-cookstove initiative, which seeks to reduce pressure on mangroves harvested for firewood in Ogoniland, and noted that the Ogoni mangrove forest had been designated a Ramsar Site of International Importance, in line with a recommendation in the United Nations Environment Programme's

report on Ogoniland.

He disclosed that HYPREP was exploring carbon stock assessments as a potential pathway to generating carbon credits that could incentivise communities to protect restored mangroves.

The HYPREP Boss called for climate smart agroforestry to be integrated into Nigeria's forestry and agricultural policies, recommending support for smallholder farmers to cultivate trees such as moringa, cashew, oil palm and indigenous fruit bearing species alongside annual crops.

On reducing post-harvest losses, he called for wider adoption of technologies such as solar drying kilns, wood-waste biomass utilisation and modern storage facilities to preserve food and improve agricultural value chains without placing additional pressure on natural forests.

He further recommended wildlife domestication, including grasscutters, snails and giant cane rats, as well as the commercial processing of indigenous fruits and nuts, to create rural employment, improve nutrition and promote sustainable use of forest resources.

To strengthen conservation financing, Zabbey urged Nigeria to position its forest reserves, mangrove belts and agroforestry projects to access international voluntary carbon markets and climate finance, and proposed that a share of carbon credit revenues should go directly to host communities to support essential services, including schools, clean water and agricultural inputs, in exchange for protecting forests.



He also proposed establishing a dedicated afforestation tax fund financed through a designated percentage of taxes collected from industries, particularly oil companies, drawing a parallel with the Education Tax Fund. According to him, the initiative could provide sustained funding for tree planting, increase forest cover and help mitigate industrial carbon emissions.

The HYPREP Coordinator urged the Forestry Association of Nigeria, researchers, policymakers and other stakeholders to translate the conference's deliberations into practical policies and programmes, emphasizing the need for stronger collaboration among government agencies, forestry professionals, agricultural institutions and local communities, which he said is a strategic investment in food production, rural livelihoods and national resilience.

IARC-WHO ANNOUNCES HIGH TURN OUT FOR HEALTH IMPACT STUDY

The International Agency for the Research on Cancer of the World Health Organisation (IARC-WHO) has announced that it recorded an impressive 82% turn out of participants drawn from Ogoni for the HYPREP funded ongoing 3-year human biomonitoring study.

The Lead Researcher, Ann Olsson made the disclosure when she led members of the team, including Mike Cowing, to the HYPREP Project Coordination Office to debrief the Project Coordinator, Professor Nenibarini Zabbey on progress so far.



IARC-WHO Team Briefs Prof. Zabbey on Progress on Human Biomonitoring Study

Olsson noted that the turn up rate is indicative of the enthusiasm and community inclusiveness that the study enjoys and one that does not only hold the potential for the collective good of the people, but also a targeted sustainable public health management and intervention models for the region and beyond.

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report on Ogoni Environment had recommended a health inventory to study any correlation between disease patterns and exposure to hydrocarbon contaminants in Ogoni.

While the study is on-going, HYPREP has taken proactive measures to embarking on other public health interventions, including the strengthening of public health facilities in General Hospitals in Bori, Khana LGA, Terabor, Gokana LGA, Nchia, Eleme LGA, and Primary Health Centre, Kpite in Tai LGA.

The latest of these interventions is the Primary Health Centre, Onne, where the Project has installed state of the art medical equipment and reliable electricity supply through solar facilities. Those of General Hospital Bodo, Primary Health Centre, Nonwa, and Lumene-Bangha are equally being upgraded.

Similarly, the Project is constructing the 100 Bed State-of-the-Art Ogoni Specialist Hospital, Kpite, Tai and it will have special Units like Oncology and Infectious Diseases, with the latest MRI machine.

The 43 Bed Cottage Hospital in Buan is ready for commissioning, while 5 Emergency Medical Ambulances have been donated to some public health facilities in Ogoni. There is also the ongoing construction of a hostel facility and renovation of the K-Dere Health Centre to promote community medicine.

Moreover, over 10,000 residents have benefited from the periodic HYPREP Medical Outreaches in Ogoni.



HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey with IARC-WHO Team During their Visit to the Project Coordination Office

RSPHCMB EXECUTIVE SECRETARY VISITS HYPREP, COMMENDS HEALTH FACILITY STRENGTHENING IN OGONI

The Executive Secretary of the Rivers State Primary Health Care Management Board (RSPHCMB), Dr. Chituru Adele has expressed appreciation to the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) for strengthening primary healthcare facilities across Ogoniland.

Dr. Adele gave the commendation when he paid a courtesy visit on HYPREP Coordinator, Professor Nenibarini Zabbey at the Project Coordination Office in Port Harcourt.

He commended HYPREP for its interventions towards improving healthcare infrastructure at the Onne Primary Health Centre in Eleme Local Government Area; Nonwa and Kpite Primary Health Centres in Tai LGA; and Kwawa and Luumene Bangha Primary Health Centres in Khana LGA.

He noted the importance of sustained collaboration between HYPREP and the RSPHCMB to promoting effective utilisation of the strengthened facilities, enhancing quality healthcare service delivery, and advancing access to quality primary healthcare for communities across Ogoniland.

The Executive Secretary was accompanied on the visit by the Director of Statistics and Planning at the RSPHCMB, Dr. Siyeofori Dede.

The visit provided an opportunity to explore areas of greater collaboration between HYPREP and the Board, with a shared focus on ensuring that the Project's investments in primary healthcare translate into improved services and better health outcomes for the people of Ogoni.



Prof. Zabbey Presents Souvenir to RSPHCMB Executive Secretary, Dr. Chituru, Adele



Prof. Zabbey (3rd) with the Executive Secretary of RSPHCMB, Dr. Chituru Adele (2nd) during his Visit to HYPREP Project Office in Port Harcourt

PROF. ZABBEY HOLDS STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENTS WITH DG. BPP; PERM. SEC., MINISTRY OF AVIATION

The Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey has held a productive meeting with the Director-General of the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP), Dr. Adebowale A. Adedokun and the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Aviation, Muhammad Kambari.

Prof. Zabbey briefed the BPP Director General on the progress of the Ogoni Cleanup, including the construction of the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, the 100-bed Ogoni Specialist Hospital, Potable Water Projects, the Cottage Hospital, Soil and Groundwater Remediation, Shoreline Clean-up, Mangrove Restoration Projects, Strengthening of Existing Medical Facilities across the four Local Government Areas of Ogoniland, Peace-Building efforts, and HYPREP's extensive sustainable livelihood programmes.

The BPP Director-General commended the HYPREP team for effectively implementing the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report Ogoniland.

In the meeting with the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Aviation, Muhammad Kambari; Prof Zabbey intimated him on the cleanup progress, particularly HYPREP's recently concluded Cabin Crew Training and the issuance of licences to some of the Ogoni trainees.

The HYPREP Project Coordinator sought the Ministry's support in securing employment for the Ogoni-licensed cabin crew trainees.

Engagements like these are strategic initiatives of the Project aimed at exploring partnerships and collaborations for actualising key deliverables and benefits of the Ogoni Cleanup Project to the people.

HYPREP, NIMASA EXPLORE COLLABORATION IN MARITIME DEVELOPMENT

The Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey has held a strategic meeting with the Director-General/Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr. Dayo Mobereola, at the Agency's Headquarters in Lagos to discuss areas of mutual interest and potential collaboration.



HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Zabbey and DG, NIMASA, Dr. Dayo Mobereola

During the meeting, Prof. Zabbey briefed the NIMASA Director-General on HYPREP's mandate, ongoing interventions in Ogoniland, contributions to environmental restoration and sustainable livelihoods.

He highlighted the Project's skill-development initiatives to increase the participation of Ogoni youth and women in the maritime sector and informed the NIMASA Director General that the Project has trained 100 Ogoni persons in Seafaring and is currently training 100 youths in Commercial Diving and Underwater Welding, and another 100 in Rope Access, and therefore requested an uptake collaboration with the Agency.

The NIMASA Director General, Dr Mobereola, commended HYPREP's environmental remediation and livelihood restoration efforts, especially its investment in maritime-focused skills development and expressed NIMASA's willingness to collaborate with HYPREP.

The engagement marks an important step towards exploring strategic collaboration between the two organizations, with the potential to translate environmental restoration efforts into wider socioeconomic benefits as well as supporting the growth of Nigeria's blue economy.

HYPREP SENSITIZES SECONDARY SCHOOLS ON TREE PLANTING, ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) has sensitized members of its environmental clubs in secondary schools across Eleme, Tai, Gokana and Khana Local Government Areas on the importance of tree planting and environmental sustainability.

The exercise was led by the Head of the Livelihood Unit, Mrs. Josephine Nzidee, alongside other staff of the Project to educate students on the need to protect the environment.

The team highlighted the environmental benefits of trees, including their contribution to cleaner air, soil conservation and overall environmental sustainability. The engagement also focused on promoting environmental awareness and encouraging young people to embrace sustainable practices within their communities.

The thirty-two schools visited are:

Eleme Local Government Area

1. Community Secondary School, Akpajo
2. Comprehensive High School, Alode
3. Community Secondary School, Alode
4. Community Secondary School, Eteo
5. Community Secondary School, Ebubu
6. Community Secondary School, Ogale
7. Community Secondary School, Agbonchia
8. Government Secondary School, Onne

Tai Local Government Area

1. Community Secondary School, Kporghor
2. Comprehensive School, Nonwa Gbam
3. Community Junior and Senior Secondary School, Kira
4. Government Junior and Senior Secondary School, Kpite
5. Community Commercial Secondary School, Botem
6. Community Secondary School, Koroma
7. Community Secondary School, Bunu
8. Community Secondary School, Sii

Gokana Local Government Area

1. Community Secondary School, B-Dere
2. Bodo City Girls School, Bodo
3. Community Secondary School, Bomu
4. Community Secondary School, Bera
5. Community Secondary School, Nweol
6. Community Secondary School, Mogho
7. Community Secondary School, Barako
8. Community Secondary School, Yeghe

Khana Local Government Area

1. Birabi Memorial Grammar School, Bori
2. Comprehensive School, Ken Poly
3. Community Secondary School, Bori
4. Government Secondary School, Kaa
5. Community Secondary School, Baren
6. Community Secondary School, Taabaa
7. Community Secondary School, Baale
8. Community Secondary School, Luusu Sogho



HYPREP Officials with Members of Environmental Club

OGONI CLEAN-UP
...HYPREP SPEARHEADING MANGROVE RESTORATION

POETRY CORNER

IF THE FISHES ARE BACK

By: Lawrence Dube

If the fishes are back
Then there is a sign of life
And a harbinger of hope
And there is a new moon on the horizon

If the fishes are back,
Then there is life in the water
And the mangroves are beginning to grow again
And the creeks are healing
And recovering from the deluge of pollution and death
That it 'suffered' from poisonous flames and fires.

The fishes ran away from the creeks
Because there was death in the water.
They smelled foul odours from poisonous pipelines
That destroyed mangroves
And turned the river into a graveyard

The fishes ran away into the ocean
When they smelled the foul odours of oil
Which polluted creeks and destroyed mangroves;
Their home and nursery bed

They ran away to safety
They ran away for life
But those who couldn't run died
And those who didn't die remained,
But poisoned and polluted.
And the people ate and died

And now,
The tide of life is beginning to ebb and flow again
And the fishes are sensing and seeing signs of life
And they are beginning to return
Because the shorelines and the mangroves
Are learning to recover from the cruelty of oil
And the river is learning to dance again
To the lyrics, harmonies and rhythms of life
And hoping to stay alive forever
And remain the home of the fishes.
If the fishes are back
Then the creeks will come alive again
Then kpador will sing
Koora Gbeah will echo in praise
And Vokiri and Nwee muu
Will be home again to fishing wayfarers

If the fishes are back,
Then life will return and wipe away the tears caused by oil
And the people will heal
And nature will repair and reproduce again.
When the fishes are back.

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"The planting of a tree is a gift you can make to posterity at almost no cost and with almost no risk."

– Christopher Hitchens

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