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DR. FERDINAND DUMBARI GIADOM
Project Coordinator

It is my pleasure to report back to you on the progress we have made in the last one month. I told you in the last edition that the 'initial

engineering drawings for the Ogoni Power Project have been drafted and discussions initiated with the Federal Ministry of Power on the commencement of the project' and went ahead to promise you that within the 'month, officials of the Ministry are due in Ogoni for the revalidation of the design, which is a follow up to the meeting between the Ministries of Power and Environment on the take-off of the project.' That promise was fulfilled with the visit of the technical team from the Ministries of Power and Environment and officials of the Transmission Company of Nigeria and the Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company for the reconnaissance survey of power facilities, electricity transmission and distribution routes in Ogoniland. The visit established the fact that our proposed Ogoni Power Project is feasible. What we do not intend to do is build castles in the air. Therefore, we are following due process in the actualization of the power project from conceptualization, design through execution to completion so that when we get to the finishing line we would not be held back by procedural lacunas.

We have a great opportunity on our hand as the existing power infrastructure of the Federal Government dove tail into our power development goals. The outcome of the feasibility studies by engineers of the Transmission Company of Nigeria

proposes the connection to the Power Grid at the Power Plant situated at Onne. The transmission lines will then deliver 132KVA to injection stations in the six Kingdoms of Ogoniland. We shall further distribute the 33/11 KVA to all Ogoni communities to power HYPREP's water stations, the Centre of Excellence in Environmental Restoration and the proposed economic development hubs that will house production and manufacturing activities across the four Local Government Areas.

With the reconnaissance visit out of the way, we are proceeding to the next stage which is the conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) on the power project. The Ogoni environment is a sensitive as well as sacred environment and one that has suffered despoliation in the past and our mandate as a Project is to remediate and preserve it, which by implication means that we would not carry out any activity that will further impact negatively on the already stressed ecosystems. This is the reason we must necessarily conduct an EIA to ascertain that the proposed power project does not have potential harm on the environment.

The Environmental Impact Assessment will not be limited to the Power Project. It will be extended to the various HYPREP projects, such as the water works sited across Ogoniland and the Centre of

Excellence in Environmental Restoration and an Integrated Contaminated Soil Management Centre that the land and geotechnical surveys have been done. Late last month, the Federal Executive Council approved the contract for its design. It will be an international research centre in the study of the environment especially the Ogoni and Niger Delta environment upon completion and operationalization. The location of the Centre of Excellence in Environmental Restoration is of added advantage as it stands strategically mid-way between the ancient Opobo Kingdom that opens into the Gulf of Guinea and Bonny Island - Nigeria's oil export terminal. This nexus, upon completion will give the Centre of Excellence the prominence and relevance it deserves in the oil and gas industry as a top-notch training centre.

The batch 1 water scheme is progressing at an appreciable rate. The contractors are reticulating and soon majority of the contracts would be completed. The rehabilitation work on the Alesa Water Works is done and for more than three months now the community and its environs have been enjoying potable water. All we need from our various stakeholders especially the Ogoni community is your cooperation. We have now come to that point on the project where the deliverables of HYPREP will be visible to all.

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In this Issue

The cover story of the July edition of the HYPREP Herald was a presentation of the score card of the Project in environmental remediation. The story was the report of the completion of 46 Lots in Batches 1 and 2 of Phase 1 of the contracts for the remediation of hydrocarbon polluted sites in Ogoniland that were awarded in 2019 and 2020. It showed detailed information on the status in terms of regulatory certification and close-out, the contracts and the communities where they are sited. HYPREP thereafter proceeded with the assessment of an initial three hundred and fifty-one (351) grids on about 1,416 hectares along shorelines, channels, mud flats and degraded mangrove platforms in B-Dere and K-Dere communities in Gokana Local Government Area. The report is our cover story for this edition, accompanied by excerpts from our workshop on remediation that was attended by stakeholders of the project. The assessment is a preliminary step to the remediation of complex sites, some

of which are in the swamps where there are damaged mangroves that need re-vegetation and restoration.

In the month of July, the Federal Executive Council approved the award of consultancy services contract for the design of the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration with an Integrated Contaminated Soil Management Centre. We spoke with the Project Coordinator, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom on the development and the report is one of our flagship stories in this issue.

HYPREP within the month held a retreat to re-focus managers of the project on meeting targets on time, on cost and in line with the expectation of stakeholders. The details of the Management retreat which was held at a quiet resort in Ogoniland make up the reports selected for this edition.

HYPREP had published the report of the Project Coordination Office's session with Ogoni youths in the previous edition. In this issue the engagement with critical stakeholders continues with the Executive Members of the Ogoni Peoples

Assembly engaging with the Project. The engagement was a success with a resolution that such meetings should be held periodically to bridge the communication gap between the project and its public. You will also find that report here. To widen the scope of stakeholder engagement for a more robust and all-encompassing community participation in the project, the Project Coordinator, Dr Ferdinand Giadom inaugurated the Zonal Representative Committee (ZRC) as contained in the gazette establishing the project.

We also continued in this edition our segment on, 'Facts About HYPREP' with focus still on the Governing Council of the Project. Our poetry corner is maintained with a new poem – 'Earth; Our Paradise', though an irony it has turned, due to the activities of humans who should have preserved the sanctity of the earth sanctuary. We included for details sake the full text of the Project Coordinator's speech at the workshop for proper understanding of his position on the state of programmes and activities of the project. It is our hope that you will find this edition another good read to keep you updated on the status of the project. Your feedback which we consider a gift is highly solicited and appreciated. You can do so using our contact at the back page.

POETRY CORNER

EARTH; OUR PARADISE

By: AJIBOLA ODETUNDE

The earth is our paradise
A paradise lost in the circle of life
To satisfy human quest for wealth

The beauty of nature stabbed
Her blood stains sprinkled
The color of our fresh water darkens
The greenery blackens
The ornaments of our creatures tainted

At present, man cut down trees
Throws rubbish into the river
Set open fires and burn nature
Man thrives because of greed
Destroying his home to survive

Towering trees high above
Trunks baring professed love

Birds chirping from sites unseen
All gone and joined in pollution's team
Previously, we could lay on the grass
As it felt like laying on carpet
We could bath in the river
As the water was clear
We could take morning walk
As the air was refreshing
But it is no more

Today, our plea, that man manages this paradise well
By preserving and protecting his environment
For the generation to come

The flowers will bloom and smile
The animals will beam and survive
It's the least we can do to save the earth..



Some Members of Newly Inaugurated ZRC

Project News

1,416 HECTARES OF MANGROVE AREA ASSESSED FOR INITIAL REMEDIATION

As the Project Coordination Office of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) progresses with the implementation of the United Nation Environment (UNEP) Report on Ogoniland, one critical area that now has the attention of the Project is the remediation and re-vegetation of the damaged mangroves along the coastlines.

An initial total of three hundred and fifty-one grids covering an area of about 1,416 hectares along shorelines, channels, mud flats and degraded mangrove platforms have been assessed in B-Dere and K-Dere communities in Gokana Local Government Area.

The Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom made this known at a two-day remediation workshop with the theme 'Detailed Site Characterization, Remediation Strategies and Framework

Development' put together by the Project in Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital to develop framework for the implementation of the UNEP report on site assessment, shoreline clean-up assessment techniques and remediation.

“This workshop is borne out of the desire to actually have a situation where we can step back and look at the current modus operandi concerning our remediation strategies and look at ways and means of improving on what we started. Our remedial processes have achieved a lot but yet, a lot still needs to be achieved and therefore we needed a situation where we can call in experts to give us a strategic framework that will enhance a more efficient and better delivery of the remediation processes.” The HYPREP Project Coordinator stated.

Dr. Giadom further stated that HYPREP's technical team have carried out characterization and delineation of complex and medium risk impacted sites across Ogoniland in line with the 2021 work plan for

coastline remediation.

“We have commenced the implementation of the UNEP recommendations with regards to mangrove restoration. The Project in the 2021 work plan proposed to carry out Pre-SCAT activities in affected Ogoni coastal communities in Gokana, Khana, Tai and Eleme Local Government Areas. Consequently, the SCAT Team has commenced field activities at B-Dere and K-Dere both in Gokana and assessed a total of three hundred and fifty-one grids covering an area of about 1,416 hectares. The assessed grids are along shorelines, channels, mud flats and degraded mangrove platforms.”

The Project Coordinator further stated the shoreline clean-up is a specialized area that needs adequate training in International Maritime Organization (IMO) Levels 1 and 2, which HYPREP will train Ogoni youths in areas of oil spill response and how to attend to oil contamination within the maritime environment and noted that



HYPREP Scientific Officers in PRE-SCAT Assessment

the training will enable benefiting Ogoni youths to work in any part of the world and appealed to the communities to stop illegal oil refining so as to preserve the rich marine ecosystem of Ogoniland for sustainable food chain and livelihoods.

“The shoreline area is a very sensitive environment and therefore we use this medium to appeal to the communities that regardless of the economic situation, we have to stop illegal oil bunkering activities in the creeks. Constant re-pollution from these activities will only undermine our wellbeing, our sustainability, and our livelihoods. It will undermine the future of our children. People think they are resorting to that as a means of livelihood but in the long run, our entire ecosystem will die and whatever rewards we feel we are getting from that in the long run cannot pay for the entire damage that we are bringing upon ourselves.”

In his intervention, Dr. Vincent Nwabueze, the Shell Petroleum

Development Company (SPDC) Manager of the Ogoni Restoration Project reiterated the company's commitment to clean-up oil impacted sites in Ogoniland and affirmed that the SPDC Joint Venture Partners will continue to provide the funds needed to ensure that the mandate of HYPREP is achieved. In his words “SPDC is happy to be part of this process and as you all know, SPDC JV is providing ninety percent of the funding to ensure that this happens”. He enjoined the Ogoni stakeholders to collaborate with HYPREP and take the issue of artisanal refining serious so that Ogoniland can remain clean after the clean-up.

“It is in our desire to clean-up Ogoniland but we have a challenge to ensure that Ogoniland remains clean after the clean-up. It is our responsibility as stakeholders who are gathered here today to pull our energy and resources together to making this happen.”

In the same vein, the Director General of the National Oil Spill Detection and

Response Agency (NOSDRA) Mr. Idris Musa said the agency is partnering HYPREP to ensure compliance with global standards including community relations and affirmed that NOSDRA will always ensure transparency and accountability on all HYPREP's projects.

In his goodwill message, UNEP Chief Technical Advisor, Mr. Mike Cowing said the workshop is to be applauded as it promotes transparency and accountability- a significant departure from the past. Also, it will improve HYPREP's capacity in complying with international standards and he encouraged Ogoni stakeholders to support HYPREP deliver on the clean-up project.

Spokesperson of the Central Representative Advisory Committee (CRAC) HRH Mene Dr. Suanu Baridam advised members of the Ogoni communities to follow due process and report community issues to HYPREP through the right channel. He enjoined them to always dialogue with HYPREP on issues affecting the Project and not make litigation their first line of action in case of misunderstanding.

Professor Johnson Otun, a Water Engineer and Governance expert made a case for collaboration between HYPREP, the Rivers State government and other interventionist agencies like the Niger Delta Development Commission and the Ministry of Niger Delta in addressing the needs of the Ogoni people.

The keynote paper 'Remediation Strategy' was delivered by Prof. Chidi Ibe, a professor of Environmental and Engineering Geology who emphasized the importance of strategy to environmental remediation and called for the incorporation of project sustainability into the programmes and activities of HYPREP.

The Project Director of the Bodo Mediation Initiative (BMI), Dr. Eric Gundlach who made a presentation on 'Shoreline Remediation of Oiled Mangrove Areas' expressed the hope



An Oil Devastated Mangrove Platform

that HYPREP can deliver on its mandate by leveraging on the successes achieved so far on the BMI project in its shoreline remediation.

Presentations were also made by Prof. Gideon Abu, who spoke on 'Bioremediation Technology for Clean-up of Impacted Sites'; Dr. Bonte Matthijs on 'Site Specific Target Levels in Inter-Tidal Estuaries'; and Prof. Philip Shekwolo who gave an overview of HYPREP's remediation project in Ogoniland.

Highlight of the workshop was a field visit by participants to some damaged mangrove platforms in preparation for the commencement of remediation of complex sites in Ogoniland.

The workshop gathered stakeholders from the academia, the oil and gas industry, and the civil society. Also present were officials from the Federal Ministry of Environment, National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC), the Shell Petroleum Development Commission (SPDC), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (IHRHL), Centre for Environment Human Right and Development (CEHRD), Society for women & Youth Affairs (SWAYA), Bodo Mediation Initiative (BMI) among others.

FG APPROVES CONTRACT FOR DESIGN OF CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

A key recommendation of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report on Ogoniland submitted to the Federal Government of Nigeria in 2011 is the construction of a Centre of Excellence in Environmental Restoration (CoEER) which is to house the Integrated Contaminated Soil Management Centre (ICSMC). The Centre of Excellence is to serve as a research and resource Centre for the training of community people in aspects of environmental restoration and

contract management. The Centre is potential model for environmental restoration that will attract international attention.

Upon establishment and being made functional, The Centre of Excellence alongside other mini centres will offer employment opportunities and manpower development for the people. The Integrated Contaminated Soil Management Centre will serve as an area for demonstration of environmental restoration techniques, housing a world class reference laboratory for environmental and public health analytics.

Aware of its importance to the Ogoniland Clean-up Project and the potential economic benefits that the facility will bring on the local and by extension the national economy, President MuhammaduBuhari at the Federal Executive Council of 6th July 2022 approved the contract for the design of this all-important component of the Ogoni Clean-up Project.

Speaking on the development, the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Dr. Ferdinand Giadom who was present at the Federal Executive Council Chambers of the Aso Rock Villa in Abuja commended President MuhammaduBuhari on his courage and political will in actioning this strategic recommendation in the UNEP report.

Dr. Giadom also commended the Honourable Minister of Environment, Barr. Mohammed Abdullahi who read the memo that presented the contract for Council's consideration and approval and the former Minister of Environment now Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Mahmoud Abubakar on supporting the request for the approval of the contract for the design of the Centre of Excellence in Environmental Restoration.

“The Council Chambers was electrified as at the moment the memo was read by the Honourable Minister of Environment, Barr. Mohammed

Abdullahi. Immediately following that presentation of the memo, the former Minister of Environment, Dr. Mahmoud also gave a brief description of the origin and the progress that was made from the conceptualization of that particular project, which is the design of the Center of Excellence. And upon the former Minister's contribution, support and substantiation of the memo that was tendered by the current Minister, Barr Mohammed Abdullahi, the President wasted no time in giving his expeditious approval, for the design of the Center of Environmental Excellence.”

The HYPREP Project Coordinator outlined both the immediate and long-term benefits of the Centre on the economy and education.

“The Center of Environmental Excellence, when completed, or even beginning from now, first, will be a repository of information on the entire project. Repository in the sense that it becomes a rallying point for which we conceptualize various aspects of the remediation of Ogoniland and implementation of the report. It is also a rallying point for experts from all over the world to identify and contribute knowledge and take the project from where we are to where we want to be. Again, it is going to be a tangible deliverable of this project, and something that will remain in Ogoni for all time. Again, we want to say that there has not been any time where we have had a project of this magnitude being coordinated for a sub region. This is the first time where there has been a coordinated sub regional attempt to intervene, to remediate and to restore impacted lands to full ecological functionality.”

Dr. Giadom expressed satisfaction with the site of the Centre, saying it sits in a more central location from where anybody from Ogoni can easily have access and even the Niger Delta region as well as the entire Gulf of Guinea, following its position along the Lubara creeks that flows into the Atlantic Ocean. The Centre of Excellence is

sited in Wiiyaakara community near Bori in Khana Local Government Area about two minutes' drive from the Bori Area Command of the Nigeria Police Force.

He therefore advised the Ogoni people to embrace the project by creating the enabling environment for its construction and utilization as well as volunteer useful information that will enhance its actualization.

“Embrace the project, identify with the project, support the project, critique the project. When you see things that are not going right, voice it.

We are ready to listen. We are ready to take your advice and we are ready to ask everyone to come on board. Everybody is needed. Everybody's idea is welcome. And it is out of this rich basket of various ideas, that we can now be proud to say that we are going to build a Center of Excellence that is worthy of its name, to be truly a Center of Excellence, that will delve into the frontiers of environmental restoration, not only in West Africa, but as a reference point that our people will be proud of. We want to reach out to our people in the diaspora, we want

to also reach out to international organizations especially to UNEP, that their support is required.”

Geo-technical investigations and land surveys have been concluded on the donated 288,426.5 sqm land donated for the construction of the Centre of Excellence in Environmental Restoration and the other mini centres like the Integrated Contaminated Soil Management Centre have been concluded. The advert for the construction of the Centre will follow immediately after the completion of its design which is now at advanced stage.

THE HOLIDAY IS OVER, WORK STARTS NOW – Dr. Giadom

As part of efforts to make the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) function more effectively and efficiently in the delivery of its mandate to the people of Ogoni, the Project Coordination Office has organized a four-day strategic retreat for Management staff of the Project.

The retreat, which was held at the serene, country side T-Fad Hotel & Resort, Wiiyaakara in Khana Local Government Area was facilitated by experts in the field of Project Management and Stakeholder Engagement.

Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom who declared the retreat open said it would enable HYPREP fashion out a new and more efficient way of delivering on its mandate which is primarily to clean-up Ogoniland and provide the recommended deliverables as contained in the United Nations Environment Programme Report of 2011.

He notes, “HYPREP is saddled with the task of attending to the scientific issues that were raised in the cause of the assessment. The report consists in clear terms guidelines on how these issues that have been raised can be attended to. In this retreat, we are going to look at what can be done differently. I will want all of us to step back and look at the ways we have

been carrying out our duties, study the UNEP report and look at area(s) that deal with your Unit.”

Dr. Giadom encouraged Unit Heads at the retreat to pass on the message to their subordinates for the retreat to have maximum positive impact on the Project. He urged Management to work as a team and not in silos having one goal and putting enterprise first in all things. “Let us work more collaboratively, a little bit more responsible. The holiday is over, we now have to roll our sleeves and start working.”

While advising on skills to cultivate to ensure workplace transparency, he listed speaking honestly, information management, confidentiality, respect for other peoples' privacy, staying professional amongst others as major attributes to possess to achieve a conducive working environment.

Professor Iyenemi Kakulu, a UNEP Senior Project Advisor, while delivering the UNEP's status report reiterated UNEP's commitment to continually engage in capacity building and mentoring of the staff by developing fit-for-purpose training interventions that will address the capacity gaps in the various Units of HYPREP. She thanked the Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom for his continuous cooperation with UNEP and assured that UNEP will continue to set goals at

the beginning of every quarter and take stock of the collective performance of each Unit at the end of the period.

In a lecture entitled, “Repositioning HYPREP For Delivery of The Ogoni Clean-Up Project Mandate”, delivered by Engr. Ekiyokenegha Clark - the SPDC Representative at HYPREP, the Management Staff of HYPREP were taken through practical ways of delivering on the mandate of HYPREP within time, cost, quality, and acceptability by Stakeholders.

Facilitator of the retreat, Mr. Adewole Oriade who doubles as the team lead of Dexnova Consulting Limited appreciated the Project Coordinator for the privilege to impact knowledge and expressed the hope that the training will reposition HYPREP to deliver efficiently on its mandate. “It is my greatest heart desire to see that you succeed. I will come up with clear strategy of what will make your organization succeed. We will continue to work together to ensure the project succeeds for the benefit of Ogoni, the Niger Delta, Nigeria, and the world at large”.

Mr. Oriade is confident that with the delivery of both the environmental and social components of the Ogoni clean-up project there would be community wide acceptance of the project.

“This is not just a project to solve the environmental problem of Ogoniland. It is also to solve the associated social problems and environmental and technical issues. The technical issues can easily be solved but the social, on the other hand, are not technical issues. They are social, they have to do with the human beings. Uplifting the life of the people of Ogoniland. So, for you to be able to deliver on this mandate, both the environmental and social issues, and organizations such as HYPREP need to have a strong project management culture.”

Professor Philip Shekwolo applauded the facilitators for a rewarding session and appreciated the Project Coordinator, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom for convoking the retreat.

Other lecturers at the retreat are Mr. Yinka Olugbodi and Mr. Borve Paago who took participants on Team Building, Stress Management and Stakeholder Management.

Special feature of the retreat was a daily drill of participants in fitness exercise and aerobics.



HYPREP Project Coordinator, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom

DR. GIADOM INAUGURATES ZONAL REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

... Tasks Members on Efficient Service Delivery

The gazette establishing the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) puts in place mechanism for conflict resolution between the Ogoni community and HYPREP or any of its agents working for the project. Thus, the gazette provides for the setting up of the Central Representative Advisory Committee (CRAC) which has already been inaugurated and functioning in line with its roles. The gazette also provides for a first line of contact with the communities in the Zonal Representative Committee (ZRC) which was yet to be set up to assist CRAC resolve any dispute that may arise from the implementation of the UNEP report.

To fill the vacuum, the Project Coordinator of HYPREP Dr. Ferdinand Giadom has constituted and inaugurated members the Zonal Representative Committee (ZRC) pursuant to sub section 28 of the

HYPREP gazette.

The inauguration was done on the occasion of the 18th meeting of the Central Representative Advisory Committee at the Project office in Port Harcourt. The Committee is expected to act as a bridge between HYPREP and the communities on all issues relating to a successful project execution. Dr. Ferdinand stated that members of the ZRC will also work in concert with CRAC to carry out their mandate as contained in the gazette.

Inaugurating the committee, the Project Coordinator of HYPREP Dr. Ferdinand Giadom said that the activity of the ZRC is given a very prominent place in the gazette and explained that in setting up the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project, HYPREP, the Federal Government was careful to note that in the process of executing the clean-up project, disputes may arise that will require resolution, hence the

establishment of CRAC and the ZRC. Dr. Giadom promised to support the committee deliver on its assignment. “HYPREP Project Coordination Office will support you in all your activities. This office is open to you as you are now an integral member of the Project. You have direct access to the offices of HYPREP.” He enjoined them to always conduct themselves with decorum as good ambassadors of the Project.

In his remarks, the Spokesperson of CRAC HRH Mene Dr. Suanu Baridam advised members of the newly inaugurated ZRC to always give proper information to Ogoni communities and tasked them on proper management of information.

Speaking on behalf of the newly inaugurated members of the ZRC, HRH Benjamin Kii appreciated the Project Coordinator for finding them worthy to serve as members of the ZRC of the Project and assured him that the team will work to ensure that the Project succeeds in delivering on its mandate of cleaning up Ogoniland.

The eighteen-member committee which has as its Chairman, the Head of Stakeholders' Engagement Unit of HYPREP, a Legal officer of HYPREP as the Secretary, Community Development Officers (CDOs) of the four LGAs of Ogoniland and three Non-CRAC members from each LGA is expected to receive complaints/petitions referred by the Project Coordinator of HYPREP, is to amicably resolve such conflicts submitted to them within fourteen days from the date of receipt of the complaint/petition.

With the inauguration of the Zonal Representative Committee (ZRC) all the structures of HYPREP (Governing Council, Board of Trustees, Project Coordination Office, Central Representative Advisory Committee and now ZRC) as contained in the gazette establishing it have been constituted and operationalized.

The names and Local Government Areas of the newly inaugurated members of the ZRC are given in the

ZONAL REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE (ZRC) MEMBERS

S/N	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	HRM BARILE DEEBOM	KHANA REP
2	MENE NULE SUNDAY KABARI	KHANA REP
3	HRH BENJAMIN LEDOR KII	KHANA REP
4	HRH OLUKA KOIDA	ELEME REP
5	OLUJI BARTHOLOMEW KOLAA	ELEME REP
6	REV. LOVEDAY N. NWAFOR	ELEME REP
7	MAGNUS B. ADUMENE	GOKANA REP
8	NALUBA SUNDAY BARIYAA	GOKANA REP
9	DAWO BARIBOR SAM	GOKANA REP
10	LOVEDAY AKPOS NKOKA	TAIREP
11	SUNDAY NSANE	TAI REP
12	JOHNSON N. DABAH	TAI REP



Dr. Giadom with Newly Inaugurated ZRC



Dr. Giadom with Members of OPA & HYPREP Staff

OGONI PEOPLES ASSEMBLY PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR HYPREP

The leadership of the Ogoni Peoples Assembly (OPA) a pan Ogoni organization has pledged its support for the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) in its mandate of remediating polluted sites in Ogoni and restoring the livelihood of the communities.

Leader of the OPA, Reverend Williams Probel who led officials of the group on a stakeholder engagement with the Project Coordination Office of HYPREP commended the Project Coordinator, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom on the warm reception accorded members of the organization and pledged their support for HYPREP towards achieving set goals.

While calling on the youths to desist from re-polluting remediated sites that HYPREP had worked on, he urged the Project to carry out corporate social responsibility in Ogoni communities to give the people a sense of belonging.

Reverend Probel stated that as HYPREP continues with the remediation of impacted sites in Ogoniland, it should do well to re-introduce extinct species at the end of

the project which is the commencement of the restoration phase of the environment, adding that there should be equal gender participation in the activities and opportunities that come out of the project.

He made a case for end of project benefits to the workers and Ogoni communities and the need to map and catalogue indigenous technologies used on the project as a way of preserving and developing such innovations.

The Project Coordinator, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom who expressed appreciation to the group for identifying with the Project said the engagement will usher in strategic partnership with the various segments of the Ogoni community. "I appreciate the fact that this initiative is born out of love for the common good of Ogoni, and that we will leave this hall with one goal to further the interest of Ogoni and regain lost grounds and maximize opportunities that are available to us."

Responding to a question from OPA about replicating for HYPREP, the design and the feat he achieved for the

Bodo Mediation Initiative (BMI) as Pioneer Project Coordinator there, Dr. Giadom said that the vision he has for HYPREP surpasses what he designed for the BMI. In his words "I have gone beyond that, what is on ground in Bodo is barely two third of what I have in my basket for HYPREP."

Dr. Giadom disclosed that HYPREP will convoke series of technical workshops towards beating what is obtainable in Bodo and reiterated HYPREP's commitment to improving the lives of the Ogoni people. "Once I am convinced about a particular line of action, I see to the end of it." He said and solicited the support of Ogoni people towards actualizing the mandate of HYPREP.



OPA Leader, Rev. Williams Probel Hands over Group's Position Paper to Dr. Giadom. HRH Baridam Watches from the Background

Facts About HYPREP

1. Members of the HYPREP Governing Council, other than the ex-officio members, shall hold office:

(a) for a term of four years in the first instance and may be reappointed for a further term of four years and no more; and

(b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their Letters of Appointment.

(c) The terms and tenure of office of the UN Observer shall be determined by the United Nations system.

2. Cessation of membership of HYPREP Governing Council

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 6 of this Notice, a

member of the HYPREP Governing Council shall cease to hold office where the member -

(a) resigns his appointment as a member of the Governing Council by notice, under his hand, addressed to the President;

(b) becomes of unsound mind;

(c) becomes bankrupt or makes a compromise with creditors;

(d) is convicted of a felony or of any offence involving dishonesty or corruption;

(e) becomes incapable of performing his official duties, either arising from an infirmity of mind or body;

(f) is replaced or resigns from the organization that nominated the member; or

(g) in the case of an ex-officio member, the President is satisfied

that it is not in the interest of HYPREP or in the interest of the public for the person to continue in office and the President removes him from office.

2. Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the HYPREP Governing Council, it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the predecessor, provided that such successor shall represent the same interest as the predecessor.

3. Allowance of members of the HYPREP Governing Council

The members of the HYPREP Governing Council shall, except the UN Observer and representatives of the Oil Companies, be paid such sitting allowances as the Federal Government may, from time to time direct upon the recommendation of the Minister.



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Feature

FULL TEXT OF THE ADDRESS PRESENTED BY THE PROJECT COORDINATOR OF THE HYDROCARBON POLLUTION REMEDIATION PROJECT (HYPREP) DR. FERDINAND GIADOM AT THE WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION HELD AT THE VINEYARD EVENT CENTRE, PORT HARCOURT ON 21ST JULY 2022.

Protocols

I most sincerely welcome you to this workshop on Detailed Site Characterization, Remediation Strategies and Framework Development; and as well as appreciate you for taking time off your busy schedule to honour our invitation to contribute towards the success of the remediation of Ogoniland being our mandate as a Project. This is not the first time that some of you are attending our events and that goes to show that you have taken us as partners and by implication desire our success. May I specifically acknowledge and appreciate Prof. Enuvie Akpokodje, Prof. Johnson Otun, Prof Chidi Ibe, Director General of NOSDRA and Pioneer Head of Operations HYPREP, Mr. Idris Musa, Representatives of SPDC, UNEP and other organisations here present.

This workshop on remediation is the second in the series of talk shops being put together by the Project since my assumption of office in March this year to enhance service delivery and engagement with relevant stakeholders towards tapping from



HYPREP Project Coordinator, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom

their rich wealth of experience for the benefit of the Project. The first was in this same hall in May this year, when we convoked the Water Workshop that drew experts in the industry and benefiting communities to deliberate on the sustainability of the potable water that HYPREP is providing in Ogoniland. In my assessment the workshop was a huge success as it helped us identify grey areas that needed to be corrected in those six water contracts earlier awarded. By today most of those corrections have been effected by the contractors in an effort to improve

on what was on ground. I thank you most sincerely for deploying your expertise at our service.

Today's event – the workshop on environmental remediation is focused primarily on three key areas of site assessment, shoreline clean-up assessment techniques and remediation and how we can develop a framework for their implementation. We do not lay claims to an all-knowing mind on the subject matter, that is why we have invited you to guide us every step of the way on this journey to a

cleaner and greener Ogoniland as the clean-up project has gone beyond statutory obligation to service to humanity and mother earth; and we know you have what it takes to chart that path for us. The workshop is for two days. Today will be for deliberations and tomorrow for field visit to those sites where we are working in the communities.

As you will see for yourselves tomorrow, we have carried out characterization and delineation of impacted sites. Our technical team of assessors have commenced characterization and delineation of complex and medium risk impacted sites across Ogoniland. This is done to determine the specific characteristics of each site, extent of contamination and

possible remedial actions to be taken. The site characterization is designed in line with HYPREP's standard operating procedures on assessment. It was preceded by the Electrical Resistivity Tomography (ERT) modelling.

The Electric resistivity tomography (ERT) is a near-surface geophysical tool for ground investigations that helps to reveal ground features and map the soil structure. It works by using electrical current that is injected into the ground through short steel (electrodes) distributed along a straight line, and the resistance values between the injection points are measured. When processed, a two-dimensional resistivity profile of the ground is derived and displayed graphically on the

Tomogram. This gives a guide to the positioning of the auger points and boreholes.

Hand auger is used to investigate the soil sample. As it is drilled into the soil to collect soil samples, the samples are immediately probed for the soil profile – soil type, colour, texture, structure, depth to groundwater, depth to hydrocarbon contamination, etc. Physical observations (olfactory and sheen test) were also conducted on soil sample. All these were logged on the Lithology Log Sheet. The sample were collected and stored in the ice packed cooler and transferred to the laboratory for analysis.

Prior to the characterization of medium risk sites, a pilot trial was carried out at Korokoro Well 3, Tai



Local Government Area. The pilot study was to show the effectiveness and efficiency of using ERT, hand auguring and groundwater monitoring boreholes to determine the extent of contamination and the specific characteristics of the site.

The study showed that the site is heavily contaminated with hydrocarbon pollution in both soil and groundwater samples taken from the constructed groundwater monitoring boreholes and hand augured holes.

HYPREP had in 2020 done reconnaissance survey (Preliminary Site Environmental Assessment) on impacted sites without UNEP fact sheets. As a fallout from that survey, over a hundred and twenty sites were scooped and recommended for further investigation.

Accordingly, fifteen medium risk sites were selected by the assessment team for site characterization and delineation. A total of three out of the fifteen sites have been completed. All sites investigated have varying degrees of contamination both in soil and groundwater samples taken.

A total of fifty Lots from twenty-one sites have been given out to contractors in the phase 1, batches 1 and 2 remediation works. Twenty-one Lots from twelve sites were given out in the phase 1 batch 1 remediation contract while twenty-nine Lots out of nine sites were given out in the phase 1 batch

2 remediation contract.

At present, remediation works have been completed and NOSDRA closeout processes have been successful for sixteen Lots out of the fifty Lots given out in phase 1, batches 1 and 2 remediation works. All other lots are at different stages of remediation works and NOSDRA closeout processes.

Fifteen out of the twenty-one Lots in phase 1 batch 1 remediation works have been completed successfully including the securing of regulatory close-out by the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA). The remaining six Lots are at different stages of completion and expectations of close-out processes.

Active remediation works have been completed and the NOSDRA close-out and certification processes have been successful for one out of the twenty-nine Lots in this batch.

Active remediation works and NOSDRA close-out and certification sampling have been completed and results are being awaited for twenty out of the twenty-nine Lots in batch 2 of phase 1 remediation works.

Four other Lots in batch 2 have completed active remediation works and are awaiting NOSDRA close-out and certification processes while the remaining four are yet to complete remediation

works. Remediation works are still on-going and at different stages such as excavation and treatment of impacted soil, QA/QC monitoring of treated soil volumes, backfilling of excavated pits with treated soil, general leveling of site, installation and sampling of remediation groundwater defensive boreholes.

We have commenced the implementation of the UNEP recommendations with regards to mangrove restoration. The Project in the 2021 work plan proposed to carry out Pre-SCAT activities in affected Ogoni coastal communities in Gokana, Khana, Tai and Eleme Local Government Areas. Consequently, the SCAT Team has commenced field activities at B-Dere and K-Dere both in Gokana and assessed a total of three hundred and fifty-one grids covering an area of about 1,416 hectares. The assessed grids are along shorelines, channels, mud flats and degraded mangrove platforms.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, that is thus far we have gone with environmental remediation and our meeting today is to give us more impetus in delivering on the mandate of remediating the Ogoni environment. I enjoin you to give your best at this workshop, so that together we can tell the story that we delivered.

Thank you for your attention!

PICTURES OF THE MONTH



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Prof. Chidi Ibe - Keynote Speaker at the Remediation Workshop



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Environment is no one's property to destroy; it's everyone's responsibility to protect.

— Mohith Agadi



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