



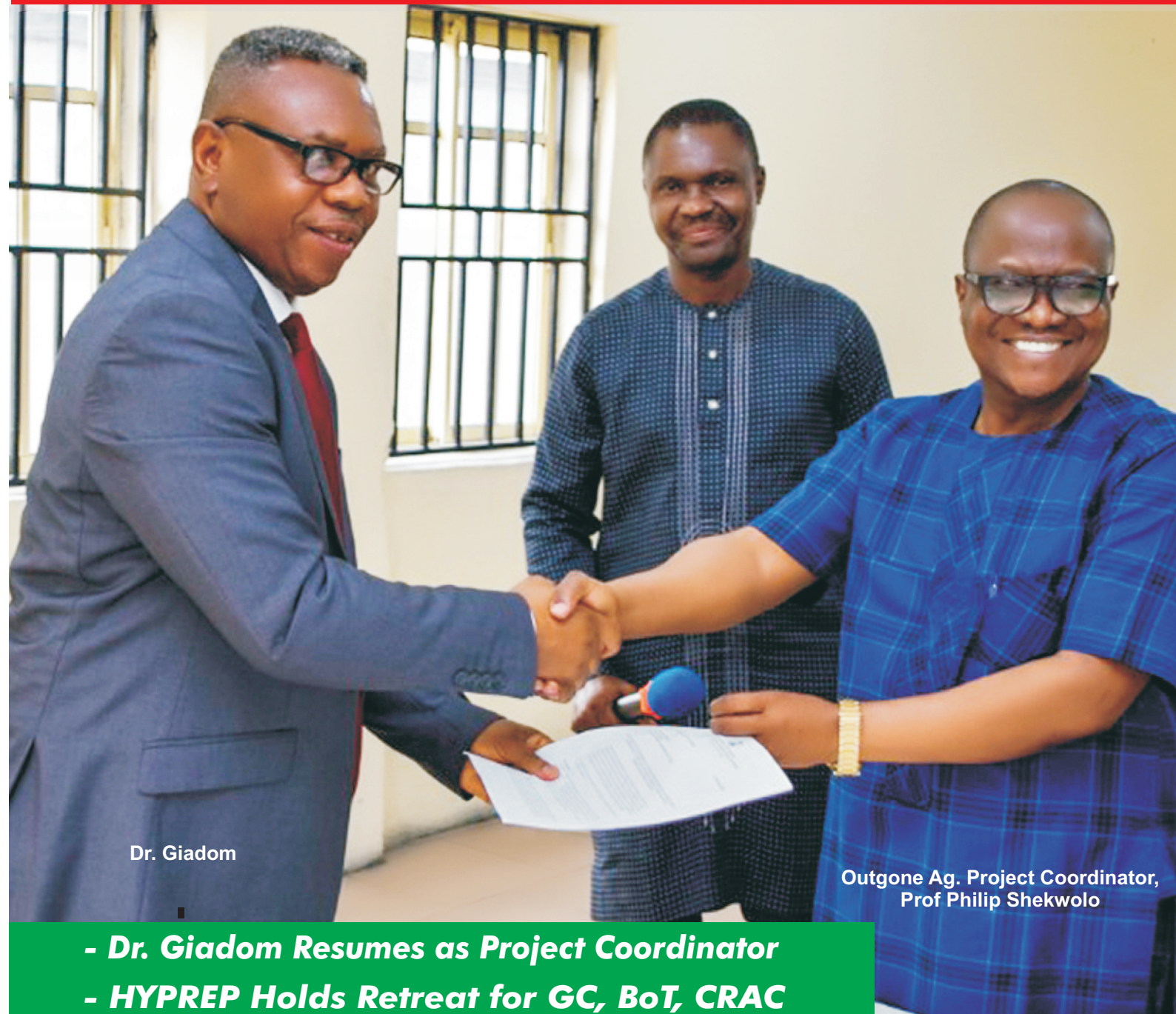
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FROM THE PC'S DESK



DR. FERDINAND DUMBARI GIADOM
Project Coordinator

As I settle down to the responsibility of piloting the affairs of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) in the capacity of the Project Coordinator, I wish to convey the message of our commitment to deliver the HYPREP key mandate in line

with the recommendations of the UNEP Report. What I will be adding to that, as the new driver in the saddle of the project we shall provide the conducive working environment that will galvanize a workforce that is sufficiently motivated with passion, capacity, and tools to deliver a world class project (remediation, potable water, sustainable economic livelihood, health impact study, centre of excellence for environmental restoration and the integrated contaminated soil management centre) guided by professionalism, integrity and efficiency. That is my vision!

We intend to properly posit HYPREP in its right place. That is to return its ownership to the people that it was created for, the Ogoni people. In doing this, we shall create opportunities for community participation in its programmes and activities. By that I mean that the communities would be abreast of our upcoming projects, such as the water facilities we are providing, to execution of

contracts that indigenous companies have capacity for.

The work of HYPREP has a life span but what we shall be working to achieve is to load the people with lifetime skills and economic opportunities. In this regard we shall train the people (individuals and local companies) to have capacity for environmental remediation through technology transfer and other livelihood skills that will put food on their tables. The integrated, robust economic development programme that we shall put in place will be a tool to raising the standard of living of the Ogoni people. All of these will be carried out in a prudent management of human and financial resources and in line with the catchment phrase; to deliver out activities/projects on time, on target and on cost.

As we launch this maiden edition of our Newsletter within the first one month of this administration, I invite all stakeholders of the project to support us by creating a conducive environment in the communities where we operate and engaging constructively with us by way of volunteering useful suggestions and ideas that will lead to the speedy and successful implementation of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report that we have as mandate.

Dr. Ferdinand Dumbari Giadom
Project Coordinator, HYPREP

A New Project Mouthpiece is Born

The maiden edition of the HYPREP Newsletter hits the stand this month, April 2022 as another addition to the several other channels of information on the HYPREP stable to reach our public (the Ogoni people, Nigerians, the Diplomatic community in Nigeria and the rest of the world). It is a monthly issue that will bring timely and relevant information on the activities and programmes of the Project to you in an easy-to-read language even though environmental remediation is a highly technical area.



This being the first edition, we look forward to enriching our content to cover related news and genres (folklores, poems, and languages) from our host communities, interviews, etc. The appearance of the newsletter may not be static but would evolve over time into the shape and style that meet your expectation.

This issue launches with the news of the appointment of the new Project Coordinator, Dr. Ferdinand Dumbari Giadom, his assumption of duty at the Project Coordination Office in Port Harcourt, a feature on the 2022 world water day and the state of work on our potable water scheme in Ogoniland.

We invite you to a pleasant reading and welcome any useful suggestion on how to improve on serving you better.

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Bakor m si Dere, Dere Kpaan Kpaan.
Bakor m si Mogho, Mogho vi kuro
Sein Sein Sein, Sein luugbei.
Luugbei Dere, Dere a kukpan
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Oro bee dilo, Bia teeh eeva
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PROJECT NEWS

NEW DAY AT HYPREP

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Wednesday, March 9th, 2022, saw a change of the guard at the Project Coordination Office of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP).

The now outgoing Acting Project Coordinator, Prof. Philip Shekwolo at a brief ceremony held at the Project Coordination Office on Ken Saro-Wiwa, road in Port Harcourt handed over the reins of power to the newly appointed Project Coordinator, Dr. Ferdinand Dumbari Giadom.

Dr. Giadom's appointment was announced the day before by the Honourable Minister of State for Environment, Chief Sharon Ikeazor upon the approval of his appointment by the President of the Federal Republic

of Nigeria, His Excellency, Muhammadu Buhari.

The new Project Coordinator was until his appointment, a Consultant to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on the implementation of the UNEP Report on Ogoniland.

Dr. Giadom declared in his maiden speech to Management and Staff of the Project that he will implement the recommendations of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report wholly and as envisaged by its authors.

He said his mission was to ensure that he delivered a world class remediation that takes into consideration timeliness, cost, and target even though most of the timelines were behind schedule and urged staff to be conversant with the UNEP Report and dedicate themselves to its implementation.

The Geology lecturer requested all Heads of Unit to submit their work plan which should be broken down into daily, weekly, and monthly tasks as a way of recovering lost time and assured staff that they will be provided with the

necessary tools to enable them deliver effectively on their responsibilities.

The Project Coordinator promised that he will prioritize staff welfare where everyone will get their due reward and at the right time but warned staff against unethical practices as those found wanting would be punished accordingly. 'As long as there will be rewards, there will also be punishment for erring staff', he stated. He urged staff to give their best as he will ensure that their jobs are secured and promised to look at the concerns raised by staff about their conditions of service.

The Spokesperson of HYPREP Central Representative Advisory Committee (CRAC), representing Khana Local Government Area, HRH Suanu Baridam, commended President Muhammadu Buhari and the Minister for State, Environment, Chief Sharon Ikeazor on the appointment of Dr Giadom as the substantive Project Coordinator of HYPREP and assured him of the support of CRAC.

Paramount Ruler of Barako Community, HRH Kadilo Kabari who accompanied the Project Coordinator on his first day to office said the appointment of the PC offers an opportunity to get things right on the Project, while urging him to implement a people centred project.

Dr. Giadom has over twenty years of experience in the conduct of impact assessment and baseline studies of Brownfields and Greenfields, with tested expertise in development of Conceptual Sites Models of various environments. He has experience in the evaluation of natural attenuation processes and effective remediation technologies for different scenarios involving contaminants such as petroleum hydrocarbons, heavy metals, and other chemicals of concern.



HYPREP Holds Retreat

Members of HYPREP's Governing Council (GC), Board of Trustees (BoT) and the Central Representative Advisory Council (CRAC) converged on the Envoy Hotel, Abuja, venue of a two-day retreat facilitated by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to chart the way forward for an efficient and re-defined approach to implementing the Ogoniland clean-up project. The retreat was declared open by the Honourable Minister of State for Environment, Chief Sharon Ikeazor, who welcomed and appreciated members for the commitment they have shown towards the task of cleaning up Ogoniland.

The Honourable Minister used the occasion to introduce the new Project Coordinator, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom to the members of GC, BoT and CRAC present.

She solicited the support of all the Governing structures of HYPREP (GC, BoT, CRAC) for Dr. Giadom for as she put it, 'Dr Giadom needs our collective support to succeed and his success is our success. We are gathered here today to primarily familiarize ourselves with our different roles and to also finetune same into a seamless operation for the project achieve set goals and objectives, which is to clean-up Ogoniland and provide the recommended deliverables contained in the United Nations Environment Programme, UNEP report.'

The Honourable Minister and Chairman of the Governing Council of HYPREP advised members of the different structures of the project to work in a harmonious and complementary manner to achieve the mandate of HYPREP. Her words, 'it is



Chief Ikeazor & a cross section of GC, BoT, CRAC Members at the retreat

necessary to state at this point that though these functions are assigned individually but they are to be executed in synergy with each to attain corporate goals. No arm is to operate in isolation nor usurp the powers of the other or attempt to be a sole organ to itself. We must always network, collaborate and inter-relate but within our limits as provided in the gazette.

The Project Coordinator, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom who reeled out his vision for the project, highlighted six key areas of focus for his administration and they are: the Ogoniland Economic Development Programme, Ogoni Sustainable Water Scheme, the Ogoni Electricity Power Supply Programme, Center of Excellence on Environmental Restoration, Public Health Survey and Cohort Studies, and remediation.

Chairman, Board of Trustees of HYPREP, Dr. Mike Nwielaghi thanked President Muhammadu Buhari and the Honourable Minister of State for Environment for appointing an Ogoni son to head the Project Coordination Office and promised the support of the Board for the success

of the project through timely disbursement and prudent management of funds in their custody.

There were presentations on the Ogoniland project and UNEP's recommendations from the 2011 environmental assessment of Ogoniland by UNEP's Technical Advisor, Mike Cowing.

The members were split into three working groups according to the Governing Structures of HYPREP, where they identified the challenges inhibiting their performance and the possible solutions.



The Hon. Minister giving the Keynote Address at the HYPREP Retreat

NEW SITES FOR STUDY AND CLEAN-UP – Dr. Giadom

• Potable water a priority

Outside the sixty-five sites assessed by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) between 2009 and 2011 on the environmental devastation of Ogoniland, the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) is considering the assessment of emergent oil impacted sites in Ogoniland post the UNEP report of 2011.

The newly appointed Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom, made this known in Port Harcourt, while briefing the media on his programme of action as he settles down to work. He said over one hundred and seventy-two (172) oil polluted sites have been discovered in Ogoni after the UNEP Report was submitted in 2011 most of which are along the coastlines where illegal bunkering and refining take place as well as spills from equipment failures.

"We will also do a quick assessment of what we have referred to as sites around Ogoniland. These are sites where oil spills and contamination happened post UNEP assessment of 2009 to 2011. So, we found out that there have been over 172 sites that were highly contaminated since 2011. So, between then and 2018, there has been more than 172 other spills incidents that we've investigated. Again, beyond having a firsthand information on

all oil spills that have happened up till the time of the UNEP Report, I also have firsthand information on oil contamination that has happened in Ogoni post UNEP Report era."

The new HYPREP boss, who was one of the scientists who conducted the investigation that produced the UNEP Report of 2011, said his mission is to ensure that he delivers a world class remediation that takes into consideration timeliness, cost, and target.

He also assured that the clean-up project will improve the economic fortunes of Ogoni communities through agricultural programmes, livelihood trainings and earnings from jobs on remediation sites in the communities.

The HYPREP Project Coordinator further assured that emergency measures recommended by UNEP in 2011 were now super-emergency in 2022 and would be treated as such.

He called on the Ogoni people to support the project, assuring that the provision of potable water for oil impacted communities was a priority.

"We will ensure that potable water is provided to the Ogoni communities as soon as possible and as soon as it is practicable, and I commit to that. We are going to ensure that the water project contracts that have already been awarded are fast tracked, to enable the impacted communities have accessed to potable, and we're making this a priority."



Barako water station under construction



DR. GIADOM INAUGURATES HYPREP EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERS

Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Dr Ferdinand Giadom has made a case for an urgent need for the project to lead the news through factual and regular communication of its programmes and activities to the public so as not to leave them in the dark.

Dr Giadom stated this during the inauguration of the Editorial Board of the HYPREP Newsletter at the Project Coordination Office in Port Harcourt.

He noted that HYPREP as a project of public interest, its activities are being watched hence the need to always put out the right information to forestall misrepresentation of the project and charged the Board to work in line with his administration's tenet of 'staying on time, target and cost'.

Dr. Giadom stated that the newsletter will serve as the Project's leading official channel of communication to the public and cautioned against using it as tool for propaganda. He advised that the newsletter should be fun to read and having a variety of content that appeals to all its audience including the rural people.

Head of Communications and Community Engagement, Isa Wasa assured the Project Coordinator of the Board's commitment to professionalism and timely release of its product.

On her part, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Communications Expert on the Project, Apoorva Bose reiterated UNEP's support for HYPREP to succeed.

The HYPREP Newsletter is in furtherance of the Project's strategic plan to bridge the communication gap between the Project and its public. The inauguration was attended by Heads of Unit of HYPREP.

FEATURE

HYPREP ON 2022 WORLD WATER DAY

HRH Suanu Baridam, Spokesperson for Central Representative Advisory Committee (CRAC) writes to educate the public on the provision of potable water by HYPREP in Ogoni communities as the world celebrated international water day.

As the world celebrated the 2022 international water day, there could not have been a more apt theme than 'groundwater, making the invisible visible' as that portrays in clear terms the efforts of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) in bringing this treasured and essential resource to the doorstep of the Ogoni people whose water sources have been impacted by oil pollution. Provision of potable water is a key deliverable recommended in the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report on the environment of Ogoni, which its implementation is entrusted to HYPREP by the Federal Government of Nigeria. Before today, HYPREP had on March 22, 2021, upon the approval of the Federal Executive Council awarded six contracts in batch one for the provision of potable water in the four Local Government Areas that make up Ogoniland at the total cost of six billion naira. The inauguration of the six contracts was done in Bori, Khana Local Government Area in May 2021 and as at today five of the contracts are over ninety per cent completed while the contract for Alesa in Eleme has been completed and water being supplied to it and the adjoining communities.

The project in its quest to reach more Ogoni communities with potable water is in the process of procuring the services of competent companies for the provision of potable water. The bid for this second batch of fourteen water contracts was opened on 3rd March 2022 and the process is on to evaluate the submitted bids. The Management of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) had made it a matter of policy that the



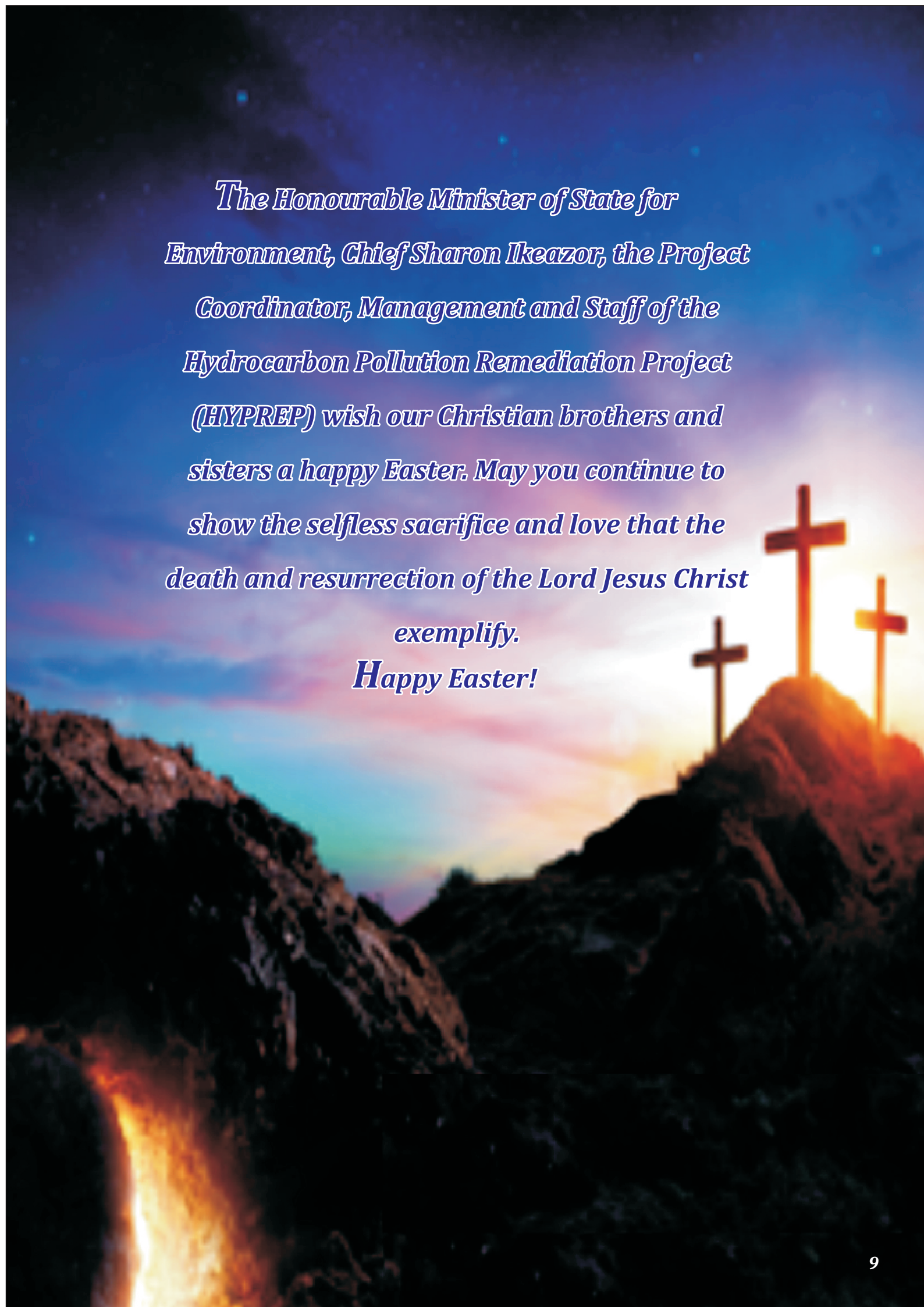
2nd from right, Rivers State Commissioner for Water Resources, Dr. Tamunosisi Gogo Jaja inspects water facility at Alesa Eleme, Rehabilitated by HYPREP

process to get competent companies for the contracts will be transparent and in line with due diligence, assuring all parties that have indicated interest of its commitment to upholding the highest standards in contract award.

The Procurement Unit of HYPREP is at the financial evaluation stage of the bid and about to issue the report on its findings, meaning that the process has not been concluded to award contracts. It is therefore satisfying to note that, HYPREP will not be involved in any arbitrary award of contracts to cronies and allies, as managers of the Project have made it sufficiently clear that they will not lower the bar for any contractor. The list for qualified contracts will be out at the right time and only competent companies will make it.

Apart from engaging competent contractors, the Honourable Minister had at a town hall meeting with Ogoni stakeholders on 29th November 2021 promised the crême of the Ogoni leaders that due process would be followed in the advertisement of contracts even as she has directed that all outstanding invoices to contractors be cleared and reiterated the Federal Government's commitment to the cleanup project.

In addition to this she had committed herself to ensuring that competent indigenous contractors get a fair share of the contracts as a way of promoting local content and transfer of technology in the implementation of the Ogoni clean-up project. It would therefore be uncalled for, for anyone to think that the Federal Ministry of Environment which is the supervising Ministry over HYPREP will go outside the provisions of the code on contract award.

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*The Honourable Minister of State for
Environment, Chief Sharon Ikeazor, the Project
Coordinator, Management and Staff of the
Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project
(HYPREP) wish our Christian brothers and
sisters a happy Easter. May you continue to
show the selfless sacrifice and love that the
death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ
exemplify.
Happy Easter!*

PICTURES OF THE MONTH



Hon Minister, Chief Ikeazor and HYPREP GC Members



Hon Minister, Chief Ikeazor and HYPREP BoT Members



Hon Minister, Chief Ikeazor and HYPREP CRAC Members



Hon Minister, Chief Ikeazor and UNEP Team



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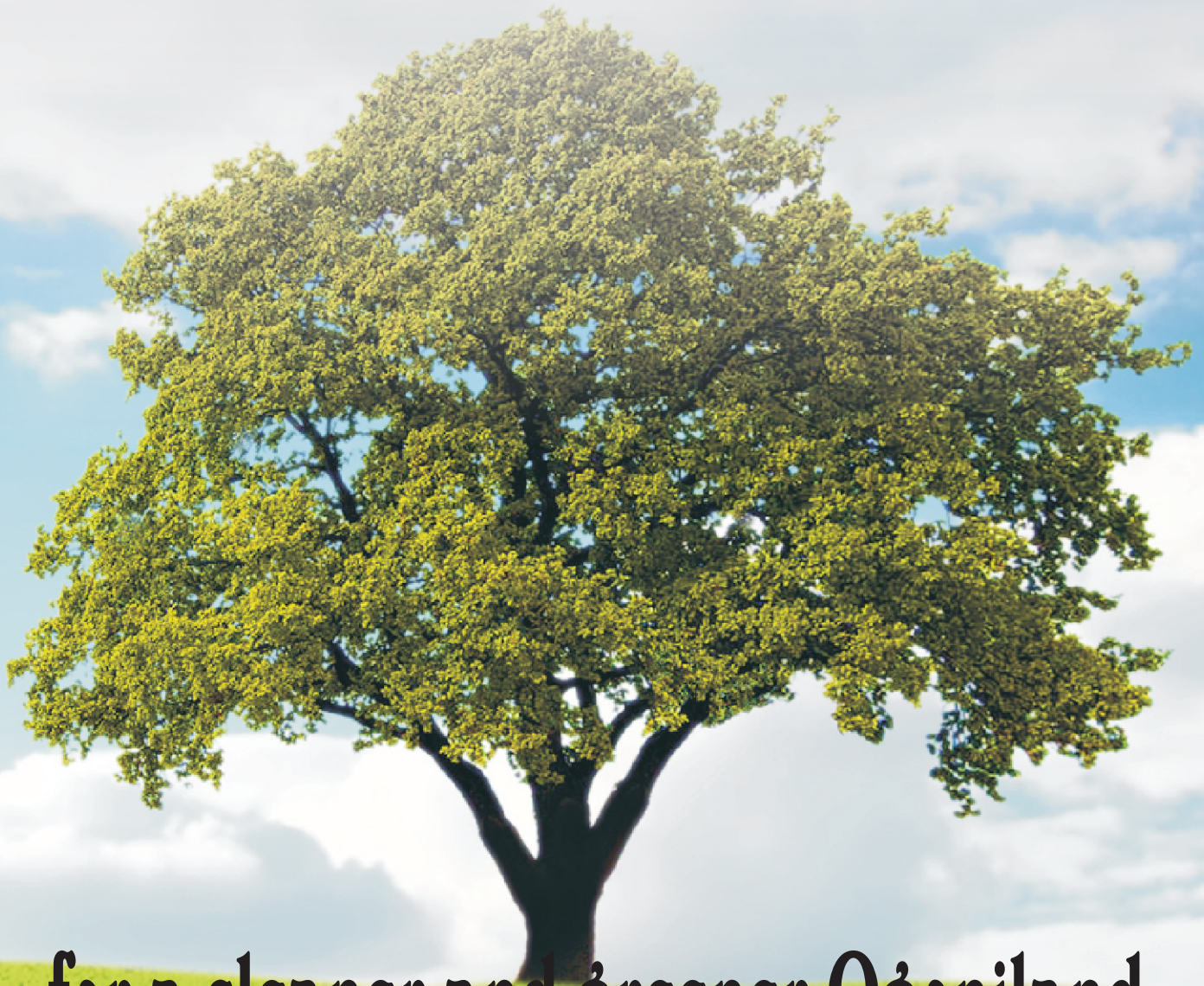


Spokesperson, CRAC, HRH Mene Suanu Baridam

THE ENVIRONMENT ON MARBLE

A nation that destroys its soils
destroys itself. Forests are the lungs
of our land, purifying the air and
giving fresh strength to our people.

— *Franklin D. Roosevelt*



... for a cleaner and greener Ogoniland

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