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# THE PC'S DESK



**PROF. NENIBARINI ZABBEY**  
**PROJECT COORDINATOR**  
**(HYPREP)**

In what could be considered outstanding first fruits of the alternative livelihood training that the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) is giving to Ogoni women and youths, five (5) of the nineteen (19) trained and licensed cabin crew have secured employment with two airlines operating in Nigeria, namely, Dana Air and Bellagio Air. The five successful candidates got the jobs at an open job fair organized by HYPREP in partnership with Dana Air and the Cabin Crew Training Institute. It was a historic launch of Ogoni into the cabin crew subsector of the aviation industry in Nigeria. The feat will certainly excite stakeholders of the Ogoniland cleanup, especially the authors of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report, who recommended providing sustainable alternative livelihoods while remediating oil-contaminated lands and wetlands in Ogoniland.

Our livelihood training targeting the aviation industry includes cabin crew, ticketing, flight dispatch, and customer service. We sponsored the

training of twenty-nine (29) Ogoni youth as cabin crew, out of which nineteen (19) have been certified and licensed by the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA). Fifty-five others had been trained in ticketing, flight dispatch, and customer service to open up more opportunities for career development and economic empowerment of Ogoni youths.

As we train, we prospect for openings where necessary and as much as possible to ensure that those so trained are gainfully employed by organizations or engaged as entrepreneurs. The multiplier effects on personal income and community development and, by extension, national prosperity is unquantifiable, and that is the true gain of our livelihood training programme. We are not trying to impress; we are making a real impact in the lives of many. In our current phase of livelihood intervention, we are training five thousand (5000) Ogoni youths and women in twenty-one (21) skill areas. The training programme is winding down, and in line with our post-training strategy, the trainees will be provided starter packs to run their own businesses. The skills acquired will enable some training beneficiaries to be gainfully employed. In the coming weeks, we shall train Ogoni youths in tertiary institutions and fresh graduates to write grant- and scholarship-winning proposals. The proposal workshop will reinforce the skills they acquired from the career enhancement and employability workshop we organized a month ago. We have also concluded preparations for the “procurement and business strategy workshop” for

Ogoni's young entrepreneurs.

This year, we will roll out various sustainable livelihood programmes, including mechatronics, seafaring, creative arts, cybersecurity, GIS mapping, commercial diving/underwater welding, animation and graphic design, and basic computer training for SS 2 students. We will provide support devices to people with disabilities to enhance their standard of living. The outcome of the livelihood programmes will certainly contribute immensely to transforming the economic landscape of Ogoniland. The findings and recommendations of the impending socio-economic study of Ogoniland will generate data-driven livelihood policy and strategy for HYPREP and the post-cleanup development of Ogoniland. Let me thank the Honourable Minister of Environment and Chairman of the Governing Council of HYPREP, Balarabe Abbas Lawal, who has given renewed vigour to the administration and operation of the Ogoni clean-up project, all the governing structures of HYPREP for their respective contributions towards the attainment of our corporate goals, the International Oil Companies and indeed the Ogoni people from whom I have enjoyed tremendous support and cooperation since assumption of office a year ago. I assure all stakeholders that I will continue to give human-centric and informed direction to the Project Coordination Office under my supervision. Together, we will make the Ogoni clean-up project a success that can be replicated in other oil-impacted communities.

# In this Issue

This edition of the HYPREP Herald leads with the cheering news of the employment of five Ogoni sons and daughters by two Airlines operating in Nigeria. The five Ogoni youths were among the twenty-nine persons trained by HYPREP as air cabin crew at the Crew Train Institute, Lagos. They are part of the success story of the HYPREP Livelihood Training Programme for impacted communities of Ogoni.

The HYPREP Livelihood Programme is multidimensional targeting the different segments of the working population whether in the formal or the informal sectors of the economy. The aim is to reach as many as possible who need the training programme. The latest effort is the training of Ogoni market women in small scale businesses under the 'Ogoni Market Women Local Enterprises Development Programme.' The programme will also avail them funds to boost their businesses. The business training programme is also extended to graduates and undergraduates as a way of enhancing their career and employability by equipping them with modern skills in contemporary workplace.

The Project Coordination Office is targeting 2025 for the commencement of the clean-up of complex sites in Ogoniland as a follow-up to the remediation of simple and medium risk sites impacted by oil spills. The Project Office is proposing the use of highly competent companies for this category of remediation where both groundwater and soil are contaminated. It was the reason the

Honourable Minister of Environment and the Project Coordinator alongside other officials of the project embarked on a technology hunt last year to some European countries to prospect for the best remediation companies that can do the job. One of the companies was in Ogoni to inspect the sites to have firsthand information on what can be done to restore the environment.

Shoreline clean-up in B-Dere and Bomu has commenced with the conclusion of induction of workers in safety and health procedures to achieve a safe work environment as remediation kicks off. The induction was conducted by an official of the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC). The report is featured in this edition of the HYPREP Herald. And as remediation of the shorelines begin, the Project Coordinator, Professor Nenibarini Zabbey met with the chiefs and leaders of Bodo and Bomu communities seeking their support

and cooperation towards a successful clean-up. Apart from community support, individuals are showing solidarity with the project and the Project Coordinator. One case in point is the solidarity walk by John Nbara from Bori in Ogoni to Port Harcourt to register his support for the Project Coordinator.

We have a piece on collaboration among stakeholders as a tool for effective clean-up of Ogoniland. We have maintained the poetry corner for your reading pleasure.

We look forward to your feedback on better ways of serving you and hope that you will find this edition as informative and interesting as always, even as we wish Nigerian workers a happy May Day Celebration in recognition of their hard work and commitment to the sustenance and growth of the economy and the Nigerian child a happy children's day celebration.

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## Project News

# HYPREP TRAINED CABIN CREW GET JOBS WITH AIRLINES

Five of the nineteen Ogoni sons and daughters that the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) sponsored to the Crew Training Institute (CTI), Lagos last year and issued Operational License as Cabin Crew by the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) have secured automatic employment with two Airlines.

The five were given the automatic employment at a job fare jointly organized by HYPREP and Dana Air held at the T-FAD Hotels and Resort, Wiiyaakara in Khana Local Government Area of Ogoniland.

At the end of the keenly contested crew recruitment exercise which the thirteen participants performed creditably well, the first best five were given employment. The first three were issued instant letter of employment by Dana Air and they are Meneyii King Barisua, Gracewealth Agon-Ngbor and Domale Baadom. The other two Nnyeomah Constance Nwafor and Miracle Nnutam were taken by Bellagio Air.

The Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Professor Nenibarini Zabbey said the event was a significant moment in HYPREP's effort to create alternative livelihoods being one of its mandates as recommended in the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report of 2011 noting that the recruitment of the cabin crew members by the Airlines would create pathways to empowerment, ignite dreams, and build a future of prosperity.

His words, "Today's activity marks a pivotal moment in our collective effort



to create alternative livelihoods as we restore the traditional livelihoods of the Ogoni people. As you may know, this is a key mandate of HYPREP, and we are committed to it. We are not just here to recruit cabin crew members but also to create pathways to empowerment, ignite dreams, and build futures.

I want to emphasize that our partnership with Crew Training Institute (owned by an Ogoni) and Dana Air symbolizes the power of collaboration. Through this collaboration, we provide training and job opportunities and invest in the potential of the Ogoni youth, equipping them with skills that will open doors to a world of possibilities." Professor Zabbey stated that the recruitment exercise is amongst the extra steps taken by the project in ensuring that livelihood training beneficiaries, including the 5000 trainees currently being trained in 21 skill areas, are employed, or established as capable entrepreneurs. "We are actively exploring areas of

collaboration with relevant organizations to create opportunities for employment and further mentorship. We are working hard to ensure that our beneficiaries, upon completing their training programmes, are supported, and this gathering today shows our commitment. This recruitment exercise is one of the extra steps HYPREP is taking to ensure that our livelihood training beneficiaries, including the 5000 trainees currently training in 21 skill areas, are employed or move on as capable entrepreneurs. This remains a key aspect of our post-livelihood training strategy." The HYPREP Project Coordinator advised the successful candidates and their colleagues who are likely to secure a job in the future to remember to conduct themselves according to the regulations and demands of the aviation industry and be good ambassadors of Ogoni. "Beyond the technical skills and certification, what truly sets a cabin crew member apart is the ability to



**The newly Employed five HYPREP Trained Cabin Crew with HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey, HYPREP Staff and other Stakeholders of the Project**

connect with people to make passengers feel safe, comfortable, and valued. A cabin crew member is an ambassador of hospitality, representing not just the airline but also the warmth and hospitality of the Ogoni people.”

Professor Zabbey who gave a brief rundown on the aviation aspect of the HYPREP livelihood training, appreciated all stakeholders for their contributions to the success of the programme.

“So far, we have trained 29 Ogoni youths in cabin crew operations, and 19 have been certified by the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA). Fifty-five others have been trained in ticketing, flight dispatch, and customer service. We congratulate and urge you to embrace this opportunity with confidence and determination, knowing that you have the support of HYPREP. As you know, HYPREP is becoming a rallying point for the Ogoni people. Therefore, I urge you to own and protect the Project.

I want to extend my gratitude to everyone who has made this recruitment exercise possible,

especially the Honourable Minister of Environment and Chairman, Governing Council of HYPREP, for his progressive leadership, CRAC, ZRC, the Livelihood Unit team, Representative of SPDC, the Crew Training Institute, and the media and to every one of you who have shown up today. I especially thank Dana Air and Bellagio Air for agreeing to engage our training beneficiaries. Let us continue to remediate the Ogoni environment, restore livelihoods, and build structures for peace and security.”

A member of the Governing Council of HYPREP, Comrade Akpobari Celestine, who graced the event expressed his happiness at the achievements of the Project Coordinator since his assumption of office, and described Professor Zabbey as a Project Coordinator who understands the livelihood component of the project and has achieved so much within the short time he has been in office.

“The core mandate of HYPREP talks about remediation and restoration of livelihood but so much focus has been

on remediation. HYPREP has the capacity of turning the fortune of the Ogoni people around, but we needed somebody that understands. Luckily today, HYPREP has a Project Coordinator that understands the livelihood component of the project and I urge him to do more in this area.” Also, HRM Mene Dr. Baridam Suanu the Gbenemene Bangha who doubles as the Spokesperson for the Central Representatives Advisory Committee of HYPREP in his remarks extolled HYPREP for investing in the future of the Ogoni people and building a skilled workforce. He enjoined HYPREP to partner with other airlines to secure more job slots for the remaining trainees.

“We should look at other airlines. I should be happy to seat in an airline going to Japan, UK, Kenya, Uganda, and I hear an Ogoni daughter or son been mentioned as part of the cabin crew.”

The representative of the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) in HYPREP, Engr. Ekiyokenegha Clark in his goodwill message lauded HYPREP for



**The Thirteen HYPREP Trained Cabin Crew at the Job Fare**

actualizing some of the recommendations in the UNEP Report and urged the Project to continue to pursue its programme in line with its mandate.

The CEO of Crew Training Institute, Lagos, Mrs. Kathryn Tsaro Lademo commended the HYPREP sponsored

cabin crew on their resilience all through the training and thanked the Project for its efforts in ensuring that the crew received the best of trainings.

The visibly elated beneficiaries commended HYPREP on the opportunity given to them to achieve their dreams.

Highpoint of the event were the presentation of appointment letters to three of the successful contestants by the Head, Human Resources, Dana Airlines Limited, Mr. Clinton Emegha and the announcement of engagement for the other two candidates by the Chief Operating Officer of Bellagio Air, Bernice Kunbi Leshi.

# HYPREP GROOMS OGOINI YOUTHS FOR EMPLOYABILITY

In its quest to provide alternative sources of livelihood for Ogoni people, the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project, HYPREP, has organized a career enhancement and employability workshop for Ogoni fresh graduates and students in tertiary institutions.

The two-day training, designed to enable Ogoni youths acquire relevant skills and a progressive mindset to guide them towards a future filled with promise and potential; includes mentorship, critical thinking, digital literacy, team spirit, effective communication, problem-solving, networking, teamwork, among others. Speaking at the event, HYPREP



**HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabby Addressing Participants at the Employability Workshop**

Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabby, said acquisition of relevant skills was not an end in itself but rather a journey of personal and professional growth,

describing it as an investment in oneself that was profitable and pays dividends throughout one's career. Zabby urged the Ogoni youths to

seize the opportunity provided by HYPREP to expand their horizons, embrace the unfamiliar, cultivate a lifelong learning mindset and focus on remaining valuable and resilient in uncertainty, while emphasizing that personal growth only occurs at the intersection of challenge and opportunity.

He stated that the workshop was imperative to enable young Ogoni people navigate the modern career and job market complexities, as it was in HYPREP's desire for them to acquire relevant knowledge and skills to succeed, explaining that a key feature of the Project's livelihood restoration strategy was supporting education and acquiring relevant skills.

“As fresh graduates, aspiring professionals, undergraduates, and critical stakeholders in the Ogoni community, it is crucial to recognize the challenges and complexities of today's ever-evolving career and job market. Gone are the days when academic credentials alone sufficed to secure employment; in today's competitive landscape, employers increasingly seek candidates with various skills and competencies.

At the heart of our discussion lies adaptability - the ability to navigate change, embrace new opportunities, and continuously evolve in response to shifting demands. In a world characterized by rapid technological advancements and economic transformation, the skills in demand today may be different tomorrow. HYPREP recognizes these realities, and we will continue to create a platform like this.”

He stated that the training will sharpen their latent potentials to make them employable and independent in case they would want to be on their own as entrepreneurs.

“One of the cornerstones of career enhancement and employability is the development of transferable skills, which include versatile competencies and attributes that transcend specific job roles and industries. By sharpening these skills, you enhance your employability and position yourself as a valuable asset to prospective employers. And if you choose to be an entrepreneur or to further your education, the outcome is the same.

Also, it is essential to recognize the

importance of specialization - acquiring sector-specific knowledge and expertise that sets you apart in your chosen field. Whether through formal education, vocational training, or hands-on experience, specialization enables you to carve out a niche and become a subject matter expert in an area of interest. Moreover, learning opportunities abound in today's interconnected world, from online courses and workshops to internships and mentorship programmes.”

The Head, African Strategic Partnerships, Lancaster University, Dr Akanimo Odon, who was the resource person, said the workshop was to make students begin to think differently and have a massive mind-shift that will impact lives and changes, and described participants as the potential change-makers in Ogoniland.

Odon regretted that students in tertiary institutions instead of using the opportunities around them to build their capacity, were busy pursuing needless and irrelevant things on social media, instead of using the same social media to intentionally drive their career initiatives.



**Cross Section of Participants at the HYPREP Employability Workshop**

“There are so many opportunities for students to build their capacity right on campus, but students unfortunately are busy pursuing what does not concern them. They are busy on social media, and they are not even using these social media to intentionally drive their career initiatives.

The biggest challenge in Africa is unemployment, over 450 million African youths are either unemployed or underemployed. With the right guidance and facilitation, young people can achieve a lot. What young people need most is not money but the right guidance.

As a student, you need to be thinking of what to do after school right from your first year as an undergraduate. It's better to have a 2-page resumé that has been condensed from a 10-page resumé, than to have a 2-page resumé that has been expanded from a half-page content.”

Speaking on behalf of the participants, the President, National Union of Ogoni Students, Nukpugi Karabari, said the training was impactful with immediate benefits for him as a person.

“I have learnt a lot of things including how to build my curriculum vitae. The resource person while teaching us how to scout for relevant courses and skills online, and immediately with my phone I registered for two free courses online on tourism and human resources. So as it stands now, I'm already running a course online from this eye-opening workshop.”

The career enhancement and employability workshop for Ogoni fresh graduates and students in tertiary institutions is among several initiatives that HYPREP has put in place to groom Ogoni youths in entrepreneurship and give them an edge in job search.

# REMEDICATION OF COMPLEX SITES BEGINS 2025

Having recorded considerable success with the simple and medium risk sites in the phase 1 batches 1 and 2 and batch 2 contracts for the remediation of oil impacted sites in Ogoniland, the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project, HYPREP is putting finishing touches to plans to commence clean-up of high-risk complex polluted sites in Ogoniland by 2025.

The Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Professor Nenibarini Zabbey gave the hint when he took a team of officials of a Belgian remediation company, Haemers Technologies, led by its Chairman, Jan Haemers on a tour of high-risk complex sites in Alode, Eleme Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The tour is sequel to the February 2024 technology hunt visit to Belgium led by the Honourable Minister of Environment, Mallam Balarabe Abbas Lawal in company of the Project Coordinator, Professor

Nenibarini Zabbey and other officials of HYPREP to source for the best and fit-for-purpose technology that can be found globally and the engagement of companies with the requisite capabilities to carry out site assessment, characterization and remediation of high-risk complex sites in Ogoniland.

High-risk complex sites are sites where contaminants are found both in soil and groundwater within residential area.

Professor Zabbey explained that the time lap of one year between now and when actual remediation of the complex sites will take place is necessary to give way for proper assessment and characterization of the sites before clean-up.

The HYPREP Project Coordinator assured the Ogoni people and other stakeholders that he would carry out the best remediation project obtainable globally and also build the



**HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey takes Officials of Haemers Technologies on Site Inspection**



capacity of Ogoni youths through technology transfer, to keep them in high demand for the remediation of the rest of the Niger Delta where there is hydrocarbon pollution of the environment and gave a hint of what HYPREP expects in the remediation of the complex sites.

“Our remediation is structured into phases. The first phase is the simple sites, the medium-risk sites and the high-risk complex sites. The high-risk complex sites are sites where the soil and groundwater are contaminated and are located within residential areas. And in places like that, there is an absolute need for less disturbance, and in situ remediation.”

He stated that in the course of their visit to Belgium in February this year, they interacted with a remediation company with track record in remediation.

“So, we have identified a couple of technologies including Haemers, and we are asking them to come and do a comprehensive assessment of the complex site to determine the extent of c o n t a m i n a t i o n a n d s i t e characterization then come up with the fit-for-purpose technology. It could be a mix of technologies or a specific one.”

“The site investigation will lead to a proper scoping of the work and hopefully by this time next year, the actual remediation of the high-risk complex sites will start. We need to do a thorough investigation to determine the situation. We are talking about groundwater contamination here, so we need to look at the flow pattern of the aquifer, hydraulic conductivity, extent of contamination and also do a lot of modelling before the job can be properly scoped and then contract it to appropriate contractors.”

The Chairman of Haemers



**HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey Addressing an Official of Haemers Technologies on Site**

Technologies, Jan Haemers, said if given the contract, the remediation job would be done by the local people of Ogoni, while his company would only bring in the technology, adding that part of the job was assessment and characterization.

He stated that his company was a remediation technologies provider, which has been transferring technology around the world to remediate contaminated soil and groundwater in South Sudan, Congo, South America, Europe, Vietnam, etc.

“I have been invited for the partnership to bring remediation technologies to this area, particularly in contaminated soil and groundwater

remediation. We believe the pollution here is the same nature as in other parts of Africa and even North and South America. We will ensure most of the jobs are done by community people, while we bring in the technology. We believe since the local people have suffered the environmental pollution, the clean-up benefits should also go to the local people.”

HYPREP is currently working on the semi-medium risk remediation sites and restoration of damaged mangrove platforms along the shorelines in Gokana Local Government Area and other remediation sites in Khana and Eleme Local Governments Areas of Ogoniland.

## **ENVIRONMENT MINISTER, LAWAL HOSTS BELGIAN REMEDIATION FIRM**

Before their eventual visit to Ogoniland, the Honourable Minister of Environment and Chairman, Governing Council of HYPREP, Balarabe Abbas Lawal, represented by the Honourable Minister of State for Environment, Dr. Ishaq Kunle Salako in the company of the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Mr. Mahmud Kambari, and the Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey

had played host to the delegation from Haemers Technologies, led by its Chairman Jan Haemers, at the Ministry's Headquarters in Abuja.

The meeting was a follow-up to the recent exploratory technology hunt visit to Europe led by the Honourable Minister of Environment.

The purpose of the visit was to identify advanced remediation technologies suitable for addressing high-risk complex sites in Ogoniland, with

Haemers Technologies being one of the companies visited in Brussels, Belgium.

The Honourable Minister of Environment had stressed that the successful remediation of the high-risk complex sites is a critical benchmark for evaluating the Ogoni clean-up project and the Ministry's performances and emphasized that community inclusiveness, nature-based solutions, and technology transfer are needed to achieve sustainable remediation outcomes.

HYPREP had at different fora promised stakeholders that it will engage companies with requisite technological competencies to carry out remediation of complex sites in Ogoniland.



**L-R: Hon. Minister of State, Environment, Dr. Ishaq Salako, HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey, Officials of Haemers Technologies at the Ministry's Headquarters in Abuja**

## **SHORELINE CLEANUP COMMENCES IN B-DERE, BOMU COMMUNITIES**

Ahead of the commencement of shoreline clean-up in the communities of B-Dere and Bomu, both in Gokana Local Government Area of Ogoniland, the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) has conducted a Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) induction for community workers and other staff of the remediation companies engaged for the job.

An official of the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), Mr. Jahswill Edeh who presided over the induction ceremony stressed the need for adherence to safety measures throughout the duration of the job, stating that the training will help them identify hazards and risks to enable them avoid injury to humans and damage to the environment.

“HSE is all about our well-being. It is about the protection of the environment, and carrying out our

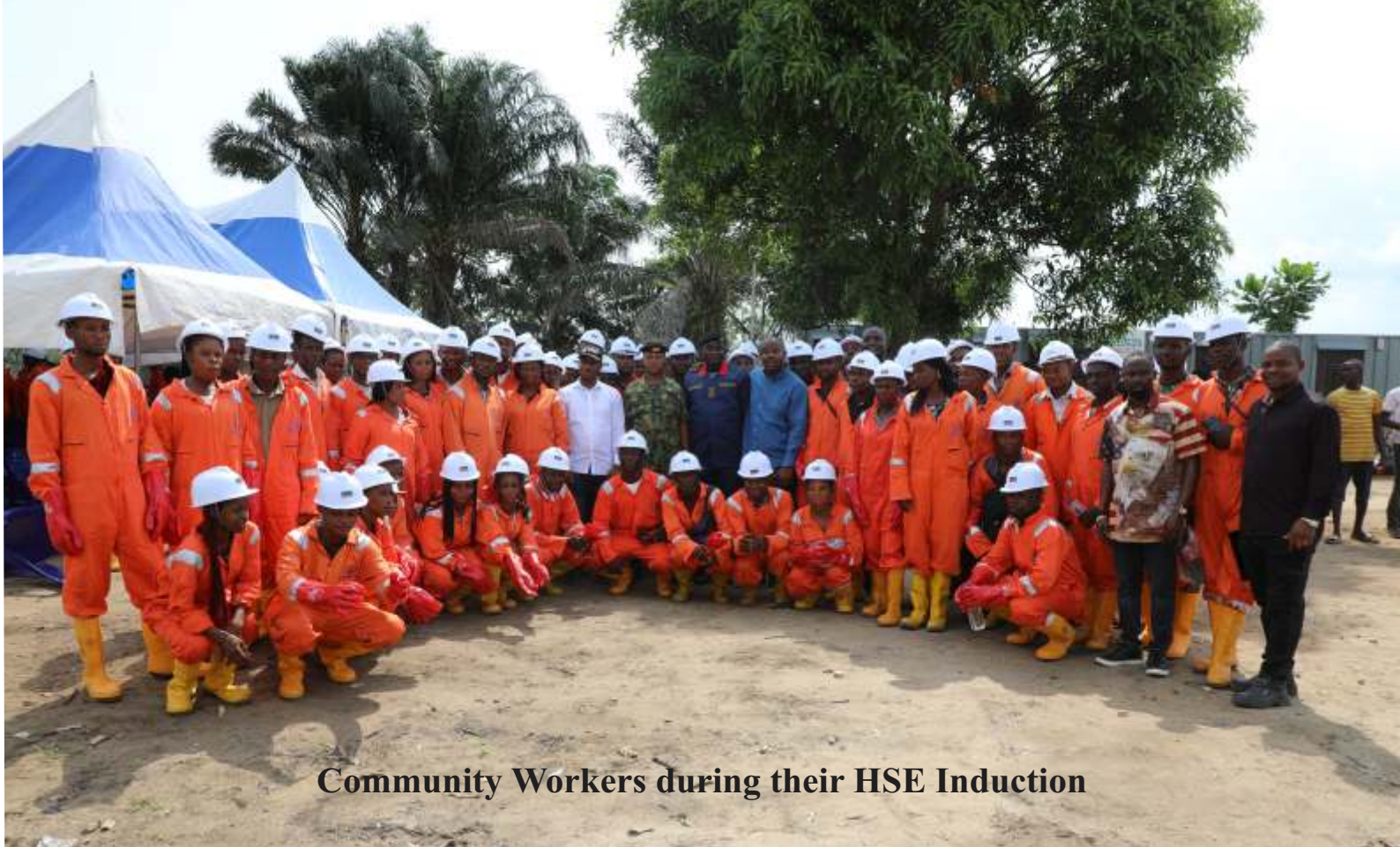


**Community Workers during their HSE Induction**

operations in such a way that the environment would continue to be useful to us. HSE helps us to identify hazards and risks which means with this, we can identify anything that can cause injury on this job. One of the benefits of HSE is that it will help make our work environment safe. We can avoid accidents and even if accidents occur, the effects would be

minute. We don't want to hear about accidents on this project. It will also enhance our performance as well as ensure that our reputation is intact.”

Mr. Edeh went ahead to inform them that the job they are contracted to do entails transforming the oil polluted environment back to its original, safe form. The process of achieving this, he said, requires several equipment and



## Community Workers during their HSE Induction

tools which, if improperly handled, could result in injury.

“We don't want any person to die on this job and that is why we have organized this training so that we can educate you on the hazards of the job. For instance, on this job we have slippery and uneven terrains which if you're not careful, you might slip and fall. It won't happen all the time but if it does happen, it's very bad. Sometimes, during high tide when you're carrying out your work, the smell of the crude oil might become intense and because of that, some people might faint. They are all hazards on this job. Some of you will be operating the pumping machines and you might have manual handling issues. We want to prevent you from spending your hard-earned money on treatments for all kinds of injury. Don't put yourself in a position where you harm yourself, that's why we are telling you these things so that you can protect yourselves. You might also encounter harmful animals and insects in the course of this job. It is

important you know how to protect yourself in those instances. To prevent insects like bees following your scent, please don't wear perfumes to work because the scent of the perfume might attract bees to you and they might sting you.”

Despite the hazards already emphasized, Mr. Edeh assured the crew that it is possible to perform their duties without incurring any injuries by following the safety precautions for the job.

“The first thing is to always put on your Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs). HYPREP, through the contractors have provided PPEs for everybody. It is now your duty to ensure that you are fully kitted in your PPEs for as long as you are working. These garments will help prevent your exposure to harmful substances and chemicals like the oil you're about to start cleaning. Don't forget to wear your PPEs correctly because failure to do so will reduce from the protection it is supposed to

offer you.”

He encouraged them to caution their colleagues where they see them not complying with the safety precautions but that they should do so with respect to avoid conflict on site.

The shoreline workers were also given instructions on forms of communication that would be majorly employed in the course of the exercise, HSE meetings, on-the-job trainings and safety drills and hygiene. He advised them to always talk to their Team Leads or Unit Heads if they have any issues and assured them that the Project would ensure that their work is conducted safely.

He further cautioned them against the consumption of all kinds of alcohol beverages and hard drugs especially when on duty as these substances can impair their mental and physical faculties which might lead them to take unnecessary risks that might result in accidents and even fatalities.

# SHORELINE CLEAN-UP: HYPREP SEEKS COMMUNITY COOPERATION

The Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Professor Nenibarini Zabbey has called on communities where the Project is carrying out shoreline remediation and mangrove replanting to keep the peace to enable works go on smoothly for them to get the intended benefits accruing from the project.

Professor Zabbey made the call at separate meetings he had with paramount rulers, chiefs, elders and stakeholders of Bomu and Bodo communities in Gokana Local Government Area where shoreline and mangrove replanting contracts are currently going on.

He stressed that HYPREP remains committed to the promotion of peace and security in Ogoni, which is a key mandate of the project, noting that it is only where there is peace that development can take place.

The Project Coordinator pointed out that to ensure that peace reign in the communities, HYPREP has ensured that employment opportunities on all its project sites are spread among the four Local Government Areas of Ogoni, adding that the gesture is aimed at fostering integration and harmonious relationships.

Professor Zabbey stated that the benefits of the Project to the people of Ogoni cannot be quantified and urged the communities to leverage the benefits of the Project in the areas of job creation, livelihood trainings, capacity and economic development. The Project Coordinator explained that both the Central Representative Advisory Committee (CRAC) and the Zonal Representative Committee



**Members of Bomu Community during their Visit to HYPREP Project Coordination Office**



**Members of Bodo Community during their Visit to HYPREP Project Coordination Office**

(ZRC) which are the conflict resolution mechanisms of the Project, are saddled with the responsibility of intervening in community crisis as it relates to HYPREP'S contracts, urging them to explore civil means to resolving conflicts.

HYPREP has continued to seek community buy-in and cooperation through engendering of congenial atmosphere for its operations to thrive in Ogoniland.

# HYPREP TRAINS OGO NI MARKET WOMEN IN BUSINESS STRATEGIES

As part of its determination to provide sustainable livelihood and raise entrepreneurs in Ogoniland, the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) has flagged-off the 'Ogoni Market Women Local Enterprise Development Programme.' The programme is aimed at building the capacity of Ogoni women in small scale businesses and providing funds to boost their businesses.

Head Sustainable Livelihood of HYPREP, Mrs. Josephine Nzidee said HYPREP is focused on creating opportunities for women-owned

businesses in Ogoni to thrive, groom small scale businesswomen to become better businesswomen, sensitize them and provide business intervention fund for them.

While enjoining female entrepreneurs to take advantage of the unique structured training to grow their businesses, Nzidee said the project provided support to 60 small businesses in the year 2023 and therefore urged them to make good use of the fund that will be disbursed to them at the end of the training.

The keynote speaker Ms. Princess

Sorka trained the women in customer relations strategies, market expansion strategies, packaging, business book-keeping, business financing, and other topics to help them face the challenges of running their businesses.

The capacity building training organized in partnership with the Entrepreneurship & Innovation Centre Limited was held at the Project Office of each Local Government Area and had in attendance petty traders from the four Local Government Areas of Ogoni.

## SOLIDARITY WALK FOR HYPREP PC, PROF. ZABBEY

Comrade John Nbara of Nonwa in Tai Local Government Area has trekked from Bori to the Project Coordination Office in Port Harcourt in a show of support and solidarity for the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Professor Nenibarini Zabbey.

Nbara was received by the Project Coordinator, Professor Zabbey.

Comrade Nbara said the walk was his own way of commending the HYPREP Project Coordinator on the success recorded in the areas of livelihood trainings, construction of the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, provision of potable water, construction of the Ogoni Specialist Hospital, land and shoreline remediation among others. HYPREP is encouraged by the continuous support it is getting from communities and stakeholders, which is a necessary condition for the smooth implementation of its projects.



**HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey Receives Comrade John Nbara who is on a Solidarity Walk to HYPREP**

# THE IMPORTANCE OF STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION FOR EFFECTIVE CLEAN-UP OF OGONI LAND

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Collaboration between stakeholders, including traditional rulers, government officials, environmental organizations, and the project manager, is crucial for effective and efficient cleanup efforts in Ogoni land. By working together towards a common goal, faster development can be achieved, as opposed to conflicts that can hinder progress.

The Project Manager plays a key role in overseeing and coordinating the clean-up activities in Ogoniland. By collaborating with other stakeholders, such as traditional rulers who have a deep understanding of the local community dynamics and government officials who can provide support and resources, the Project Coordinator can ensure that the clean-up process is well-planned, coordinated, and implemented effectively.

Collaboration among stakeholders can also help in addressing any challenges or obstacles that may arise during the clean-up process. By pooling their resources, expertise,



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and efforts, stakeholders can find innovative solutions, share best practices, and work towards a common vision of restoring the environment and promoting sustainable development in Ogoniland.

Furthermore, collaboration can help in building trust, fostering dialogue, and promoting transparency among stakeholders. This can lead to better communication, improved decision-making, and a more inclusive and

participatory approach to the clean-up efforts.

In conclusion, collaboration with the Project Manager and other stakeholders is essential for effective cleaning and faster development in Ogoniland. By working together in a spirit of cooperation and partnership, stakeholders can overcome challenges, achieve common goals, and create a better future for the people and the environment in Ogoni.

## LAWAL CALLS FOR MORE FUNDING AND INNOVATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Honourable Minister of Environment and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Balarabe Abbas Lawal has said that committing more financial resources and application of technology will accelerate efforts at

sustaining and conserving the environment from further degradation. The Honourable Minister stated this at the seventeenth meeting of the National Council on Environment held in Abuja, to chart the course of Nigeria's environmental stewardship with the theme, "Environment Financing: Need

to mobilize more financial inflows for generating adequate resources in support of environmental sustainability efforts."

Lawal urged stakeholders to form partnerships that will shore up more funds for the protection of the environment.

“As we are all aware, Environment Financing is capital intensive, to mobilize more financial inflow for environmental sustainability there is the need to implore innovative financing mechanisms, such as Green Bonds, Carbon Pricing, and Public-Private Partnerships. This will help in generating the resources needed for effective environmental protection and conservation efforts. I therefore urge members of this Council to intensify exploration and implementation of financing mechanisms at their disposal.”

He said though climate change is dealing heavy blows on the environment there was need to make critical decisions that will reverse the trend and make the planet habitable for the present and future generations.

“Ladies and gentlemen, as we convene amidst pressing global challenges, from climate change to biodiversity loss, our duty as custodians of the environment has never been more paramount. Each decision we make within these walls reverberates far beyond, shaping the health and sustainability of our planet for generations to come. Our nation stands at a critical juncture, where the urgency to act boldly on environmental issues is undeniable. Climate change threatens ecosystems, livelihoods, and biodiversity, swift and decisive actions are needed to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change. We must redouble our efforts to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, embrace renewable energy solutions, and foster sustainable practices across all sectors.”

The Honourable Minister stated that deliberate policies and regulations must be put in place to safeguard whatever achievements and effort made in environmental conservation



**Environment Minister, Balarabe Lawal Addressing Participants at the 17th meeting of the National Council on Environment**

and thanked President Bola Ahmed Tinubu in this regard.

“To ensure investment in environmental protection is not wasted, environmental justice must be enforced, and the benefits of conservation and sustainable development must be protected and equitably distributed among all segments of society. Environmental degradation disproportionately impacts marginalized communities, exacerbating inequalities and perpetuating social injustices. We must strive for inclusive policies that empower all individuals to participate and benefit from environmental decision-making processes. Innovation and collaboration will be our greatest allies in confronting these challenges. By harnessing the power of technology, fostering partnerships across sectors, and engaging with diverse stakeholders, we can forge a path towards a more resilient and sustainable future.

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR has continued to demonstrate his commitment to environmental

sustainability and climate action in line with the many multilateral environmental agreements that Nigeria is party to. This commitment is well captured in the Renewed Hope Agenda and the Presidential priorities. At COP28 in Dubai for example, the President reaffirmed Nigeria's commitment to end routine gas-flaring by 2030 to reflect the seriousness with which our nation approaches methane mitigation and reduction. On behalf of all of us in the environment sector, let me seize this platform to appreciate Mr. President for being an environmental advocate and a hero of climate action.”

The Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Professor Nenibarini Zabbey briefed participants at the meeting on efforts that HYPREP is making towards climate change and mitigation through its mangrove restoration project spanning 560 hectares, adding that it is working closely with relevant stakeholders to address the issue of pollution in Ogoniland.



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## Happy **WORKERS’ DAY**

*The Project Coordinator, Professor Nenibarini Zabbey, Management and Staff of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) felicitate with the Nigerian workers on their invaluable contribution to the development and prosperity of the country. As you celebrate this year's May Day, we salute you on your commitment and determination to make Nigeria great in line with the Renewed Hope Agenda of the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, Bola Ahmed Tinubu.*

*Happy Workers' Day!*

*Signed: Management*

# HAPPY CHILDREN'S DAY

**You are that clean and green future that we work for and on this auspicious occasion of the commemoration of the 2024 Children's Day, the Project Coordinator, Professor Nenibarini Zabbey, Management and Staff of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) wish you a joyful celebration.**

**Signed, Management**



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# SAFETY TIPS

With climate change causing serious havoc on the environment and human health, it is imperative to take precautionary measures against one of the effects of climate change which is heat wave. With rising temperatures across continents and countries, it is advisable to do the following to keep oneself safe from the trauma that heat wave inflicts on humans:



## 5. RECOGNIZE THE SYMPTOMS OF HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS.

Watch out for noticeable symptoms of heat waves to help you seek medical attention early.

## 4. DRESS IN LIGHT CLOTHING.

Loose-fitting, lightweight clothing made of natural fibers is your best bet for keeping cool. Light-colored shorts, T-shirts, and tank tops made of cotton or linen are breathable and will help you regulate your body temperature.

## 1. DRINK A LOT OF WATER

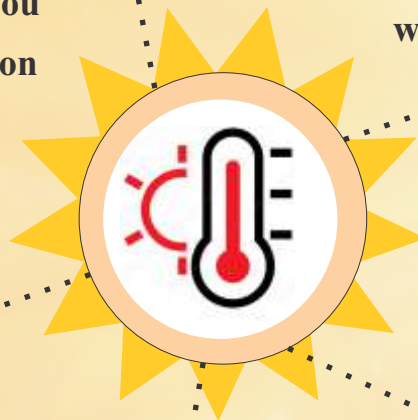
One way you can help yourself in hot environment is drink plenty of water to help regulate your body temperature, allowing it to cool off when the environment gets warmer.

## 2. RETREAT TO COOL PLACES

In times of extreme heat, taking shelter in cool places like under trees that have good canopy will greatly bring relief to your body.

## 3. LIMIT YOUR MOVEMENTS TO THE EARLY MORNING HOURS

Where possible avoid moving around in the hot afternoon hours to avoid dehydration.



# PICTURES OF THE MONTH



Honorable Minister, Environment, Balarabe Lawal with Key Officials at the 17th National Council on Environment



Prof. Zabbey Briefs Honorable Minister, Environment, Balarabe Lawal and other Officials at HYPREP Stand During the 17th National Council on Environment



Participants at the 17th National Council on Environment



Participants at the 17th National Council on Environment



HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey with Staff at the 17th National Council on Environment



Cross Section of Guests at the HYPREP/Dana Air Job Fare



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Cross Section of Participants at the HYPREP Employability Workshop

# Shun Illegal Oil Bunkering/Refining It Destroys The Environment

## POETRY CORNER

### IN FIELDS ONCE LUSH

By: Blessing Monsi

In fields once lush, where crops did sway,  
Now tainted earth, in disarray.  
Pesticides seep into the ground,  
As poisoned waters silently abound.

The farmer toils, with weary brow.  
But yields are low, the soils avow.  
Chemical runoff, streams embrace,  
Leaving barren lands, a barren space.

Water, once a source of life,  
Now harbours toxins, pain and strife.  
Fishermen weep for an empty net,  
Their livelihood lost, their hopes beset.

Streams that once sang a gentle tune,  
Now choked with waste, under the moon,  
Ripple effect of careless deeds,  
A tragedy unfolds, as nature pleads.

But in fields, a seed takes root,  
A farmer's hope, a resolute pursuit.  
Organic methods, a gentle hand,  
Reviving land, Reclaiming sand.

With each small steps, a path is clear,  
To heal the wounds and calm the fear.  
Let's nurture earth with love profound,  
And in her embrace, new life is found.

## THE ENVIRONMENT ON MARBLE

**“If a tree dies, plant another in its place.”**

- Carolus Linnaeus



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# ... for a cleaner and greener Ogoniland

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