

# REPORT OF PWYP STRATEGY MEETING FOR SOUTH EAST ROAD SHOW HELD AT VICTORIA SUITES, ENUGU ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2006.

**ATTENDANCE:** A cross section of civil society in the South East drawn from Non Governmental organizations, Community Based Organizations, Academia, Faith Based Organizations, Peasants and representatives of Publish What You Pay Campaign as well as staff of Pact Nigeria attended the strategy meeting. The attendance is as follows:

| S/N | Name                       | Organization   | Gender |   | Contacts<br>Email/Address/Phone   |
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| 2   | Eme Okechukwu              | Dept. of Public Adm. & Local Govt Studies, University of Nig. Nsukka           | √      |   | 08056753011   |
| 3   | Elder Emeka Ogazi          | Centre for Civil Democracy and Economic Justice                                | √      |   | Abakaliki   |
| 4   | Ogbaba Linus               | Lab. Technician, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki                            | √      |   | 08052695385   |
| 5   | Evang. Chukwuma Ofor       | Nigeria Reformed Church, Abakaliki Youth Ministry                              | √      |   | 08059357168   |
| 6   | Mrs. Oruta Ifeoma          | Staff, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki                                      |        | √ | 08052695395   |
| 7   | A. I. Alioche              | Ministry of Health, Abakaliki  | √      |   | 08065716534   |
| 8   | Amoge Peace                | Youth Wing Christian Association of Nigeria, Ebonyi State Chapter              |        | √ | Abakaliki   |
| 9   | Uchanna Okammi             | Driver/Mechanic  | √      |   | Ebonyi State  |
| 10  | Princess Ifeoma Nwenyi     | Youth Leader (Igbeagu Youth), Izzi Local Government Area                       |        | √ | Abakaliki   |
| 11  | Akpali Ugonna              | Youth Ezza North Local Govt.   | √      |   | Ebonyi State  |
| 12  | Miss Chinosa Kuti          | Sudan United Mission/Nigeria Reformed Church                                   |        | √ | Abakaliki   |
| 13  | Dickson Orji               | Institute for New Leaders (INL) & Nigeria Action Network on Small Arms (NANSA) | √      |   | Abuja/Enugu   |
| 14  | Aigbe Joachim              | Safeguards Initiative  | √      |   | Lagos   |
| 15  | Rev. Graceson C. P. Chukwu | Sudan United Mission/Nigeria Reformed Church                                   |        | √ | Abakaliki   |
| 16  | Josephine Habba            | Jireh Foundation, Makurdi, Benue State   |        | √ | <a href="mailto:jirehnig@yahoo.com">jirehnig@yahoo.com</a>  |
| 17  | Emeka Onanamadu            | CAPP, Abuja  | √      |   |   |
| 18  | John Nardine               | ANEEJ, Benin City  | √      |   | 052 258748  |
| 19  | Kingsley O. Kefe           | ANEEJ, Benin City  | √      |   | 052 258748  |
| 20  | Ekanem Bassey              | Pact Nigeria   |        | √ | 49, Euphrates, Maitama, Abuja   |
| 21  | Innocent Adjenughure       | Institute for Dispute Resolution   | √      |   | 7 NNPC Housing Complex Road, Ekpan  |

**OPENING:** The strategy meeting was chaired by Mr. Leo Atakpu, Deputy Executive Director of African Network for Environment and Economic Justice (ANEEJ) who represented National Coordinator of the PWYP Nigeria Campaign, Rev. David Ugolor. He apologized for David's absence at the strategy meeting adding that the campaign coordinator was having a phone conversation on the global EITI, hence his absence while the programme officer PWYP was going after the campaign materials, Transparency Newsletter after which he will arrive.

Leo Atakpu informed the strategy session that the aim of the meeting was to harmonize views of members before the road show proper, so that every one will speak with one voice, not in discordant tunes on the various issues.

He listed issues likely to come up for discussion at the South East Road Show to include:

- NEITI Bill
- Hart Group Report
- Development of solid mineral sector

### **1. NEITI BILL**

Atakpu told participants that the NEITI Bill was currently before the Senate and that a Consultant was hired to repackage the Bill taking into cognizance the input of civil society. He informed participants that PWYP has a position on the Bill, which it recently passed on to the consultant at a meeting held in the NEITI Secretariat.

Emeka Onanamadu representing Community Action for Popular Participation (CAPP) spoke on the Freedom of Information Bill. He urged the support of quick passage of the FOI Bill.

Emeka Ogazi requested PWYP Secretariat to make copies of PWYP position on the NEITI Bill available to South East Road Show PWYP participants.

### **2. HART GROUP REPORT**

The meeting chair also informed participants that the NEITI Audit Report revealed weaknesses in reporting and reconciliation systems of government.

Also, the report revealed how oil companies relied on weaknesses of relevant government agencies to perpetrate discrepancies.

He informed participants that while oil companies claimed they paid money to Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), the NDDC did not confirm receipt of any money to the auditors.

### **3. SOLID MINERAL DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Leo Atakpu further informed members that the South East Road Show was also focusing on solid mineral because of the abundance of Solid Mineral in the South East. He remarked that Enugu is rich in Coal hence its choice for the South East Road Show.

GENERAL: Atakpu asked members to make reasonable comments and ask questions from informed point of view. He cautioned against asking stupid questions or comments that would portray PWYP campaign in bad light.

High point was the distribution of T-Shirts and fez caps to participants for the road show and logistics information was shared.

The meeting closed at 10:13pm.