



# MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS

## PORT HARCOURT



**Dame Judith Amaechi**  
Demonstrating use of Biometric Credit Card  
to withdraw cash

**ACHIEVEMENTS FROM 2007 - MARCH 2009**





**MRS VIVIEN BRAIDE**  
Hon. Commissioner for Women Affairs, Rivers State

NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM  
LIBRARY

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## INTRODUCTION

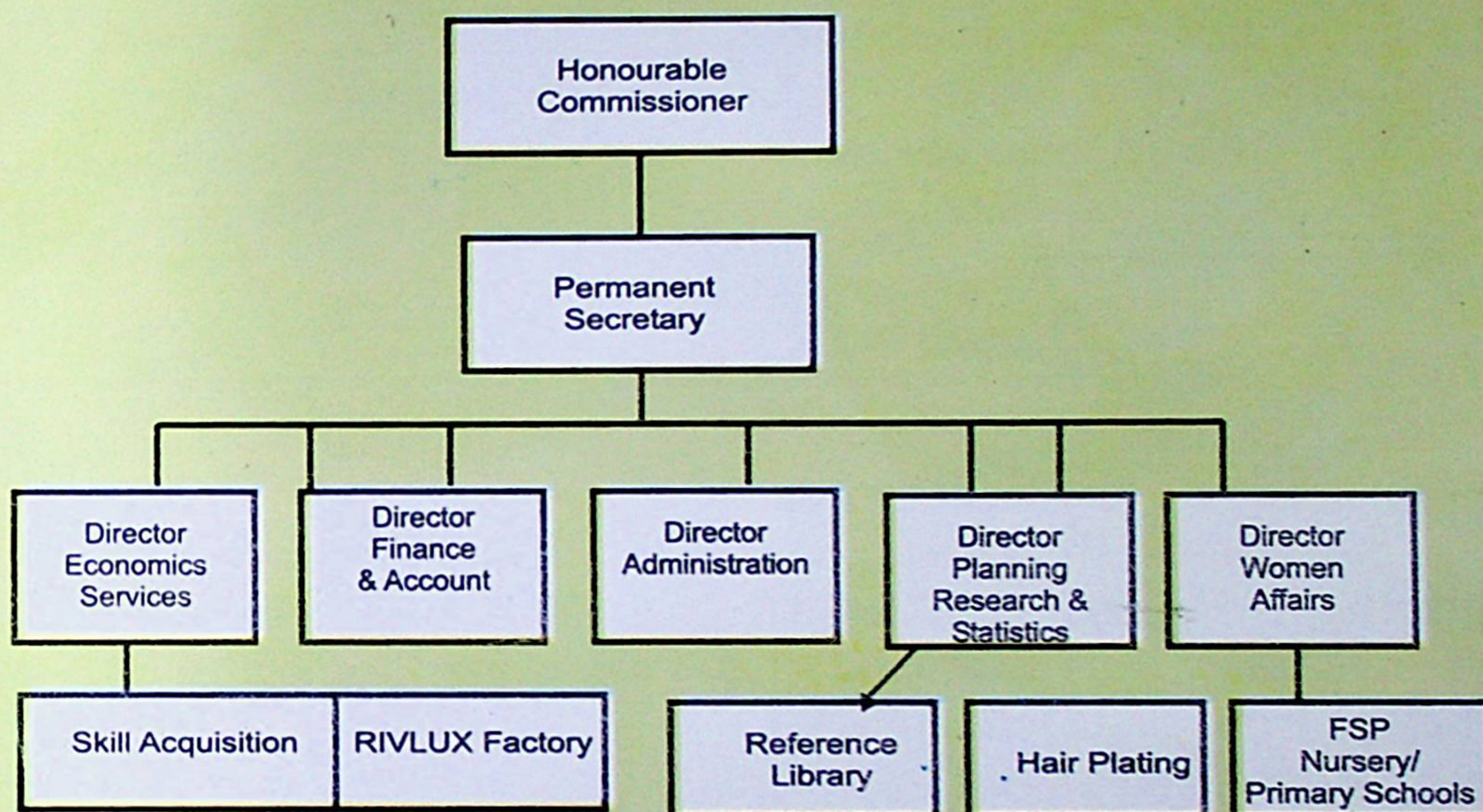
The Federal Military Government of Nigeria Decree No. 30 of 7th December 1989 established the National Commission for Women which replicated in all States of the Federation as State commission for women.

On 8th March 1997, during the International Women's Day celebration, the then First Lady Dr. (Mrs) Maryam Abacha announced the upgrading of the commissions for women to the status of a ministry of women affairs. The actual take-off of the Ministry in Rivers State was by a letter, from

the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs No FMWASD/FSP/17/S.8 of 11th March, 1997, following directives from the Head of State, late General Sani Abacha that all state commission for women be upgraded.

The Ministry functions under 5 specialised departments; Administration, Women Affairs, Planning Research & Statistics, Finance & Accounts as well as Economic Services which was created in 2007. Below is the organogram of the Ministry.

## Ministry's organogram



## OBJECTIVES OF THE MINISTRY

Some of the objectives of the Ministry are as follows:

- To provide career training as a means of generating income for economic empowerment and poverty alleviation, especially among women and girl children.
- To provide informal and functional literacy programme to promote and foster female educational empowerment and social integration.
- To assist in providing credit facilities business education farming and fishing

Inputs as well as other business support services for the people.

## VISION

The vision of the present administration that relates to this Ministry is to mobilise uplift and empower Rivers State women guided by transparency and accountability.

## MISSION

The present of Governor Amaechi's administration is determined to use available resources to improve the quality of life of Rivers State women and young ladies and also to empower them to be productive



citizens.

## **PROGRAMMES OF THE MINISTRY**

Under the able leadership of the Hon. Commissioner for women Affairs the Ministry has devised several gender -based programmes aimed at achieving social justice, gender equity/equality in the State.

These include: soft loan for widows, women mass literacy project, macro entrepreneurial programmes, micro-finance project for cooperatives, Rivers women summit, top grade girls motivation, campaign on women's health, support for community women's club and NGO's, Rivers State Women Voice on TV/Radio. Sensitization of women all levels on gender related issues. Such as violence against women.

## **ACHIEVEMENT RECORDED WITHIN 2007 AND 2008.**

In order to enhance the productivity and efficiency of the principal officers, the Ministry purchased 5 brand new Toyota Corolla cars for its directors, Also Purchased Toyota Hilux pick-up and Dyna van for distribution of paints manufactured in the Ministry's Paint Factory



**Display of official vehicles purchase by the ministry**

- \* Organised one-day enlightenment workshop on the dissemination of

National Gender Policy in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development.



- \* Organised a two-day workshop on Reduction of Maternal Mortality, also in conjunction with Federal Ministry of Women Affairs.
- \* Inaugurated Women Fund for Economic Empowerment (WOFEE) as directed by Federal Ministry of Women Affairs (WOFEE is a micro-credit scheme of the Federal Government designed to assist women economically).
- \* Organised and celebrated 2007-2008 International Women's Day with a solemn assembly, rally, lectures and drama sketch to mark the occasion. The theme of this year's celebration was "100 years of women in active paid and unpaid job.



**Her Excellency leading Public Proclamation for Women in Paid and Unpaid job.**



\* The Ministry in collaboration with Ministry of Education organised a stakeholders meeting on security of school children in the state, teachers were nominated from each school for training on school security.

\* For the first time since the establishment of the nursery and primary schools, the Ministry organised a maiden inter house sports competition held on Friday 9th May 2008. The occasion was also used to honour past and present staff who contributed to the Development of the school.



Perm Sec Dr. (Mrs) Krukrubo handing over trophies to the winner



March Past

### RIVERS WOMEN SUMMIT, JUNE 2008

The Ministry organised a summit with the theme, "Empowering Rivers Women". Issues discussed ranged from health to education, politics, economic empowerment, religion, culture e.t.c.



Com. Braide reading her welcome address during 2008 Women Summit



Governor Amaechi at the Women Summit held at Civic Centre PH.





**Cross Section of participants at the Summit**

### **SOLEMN ASSEMBLY FOR PEACE IN RIVERS STATE**

The Ministry on the 16th July 2008 organised a meeting for Christian women, wives of traditional rulers, and wives of pastors called to seek divine intervention on the security of lives and property in the State.

### **EXPANSION OF THE RIVLUX PAINT FACTORY**

There is on-going expansion work at the factory site of RIVLUX Paints to accommodate the proposed increased production capacity.



**RIVLUX Paint Factory**

### **TREATMENT OF VESICO -VAGINAL FISTULA (V.V.F.) PATIENTS**

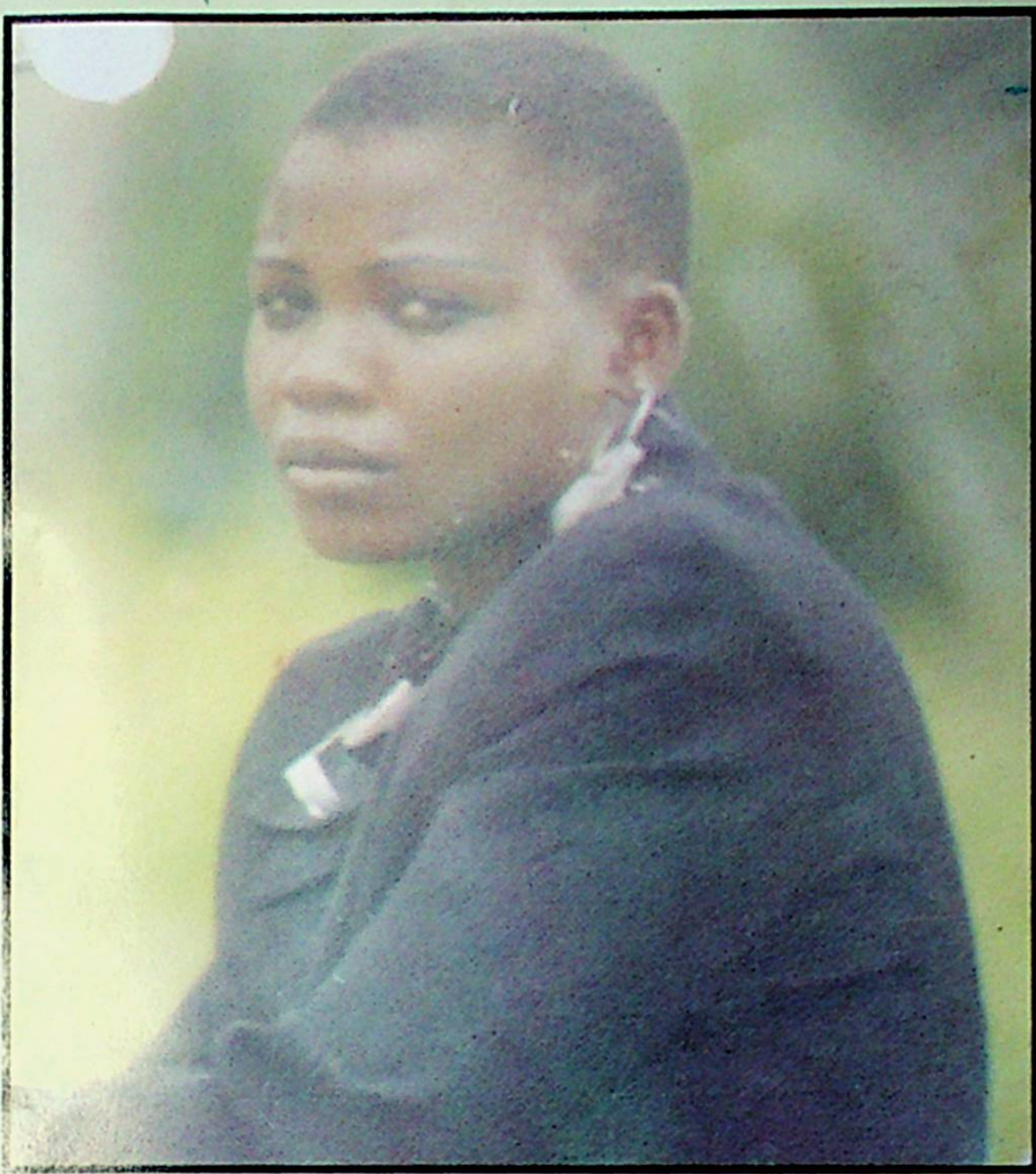
The Ministry conducted a survey on the existence of V.V.F. in the State. Cases of V.V.F. patients in the state are now referred to the Ministry for treatment. So far 16 women have received assistance for their treatment from the Ministry.



**A V.V.F. Patient receiving treatment at Family Life and maternal Health Centre Mbribit Itam Uyo Akwa Ibom State**







**Above is the Hon. Com. for Women Affairs  
Sensitizing the girls on the project**



**Com. Braide advocating with her team  
for girl child education in R/S**



**Com. Vivien Braide making a speech**



**Official reciting National Anthem during  
Topgrade girls sensitization**

## **WOMEN MASS LITERACY PROGRAMME**

The Ministry has re-established the women Mass Literacy Programme to give second chance education to women and young ladies who for one reason or the other could not have access to early formal education or because of early marriage could not complete their basic education. The programme will provide literacy centres in all communities of the State for this category of beneficiaries to acquire basic and functional education in the evenings after each days work. Instructors and necessary facilities will be provided.

## **SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR TOP GRADE GIRLS**

The Ministry has already collected data from all the girls secondary schools in the State for this project. The scheme is aimed at promoting education of the girl-child.



## WORKSHOP ON MICRO-FINANCE

On the 15th of September, 2008 the Ministry in collaboration with Diamond Bank PLC and Smart-switch Ltd flagged off the 1st phase of the train the trainer's workshop for the delivery of Rivers State micro-credit scheme for widows.

Also screening and training of the widows have been conducted in all the Local Government Areas.

Some widows from Port Harcourt, Obio/Akpor, Ahoada-East Ahoada-West and Abua/Odual have received their Micro credit facility. Bio metric cards. This card will enable them have access to their loan.



Smartswitch Bio-metric registration



Screening of Widows for Micro Credit Scheme



Smartswitch taking Bio-metric registration



Cross Section of widows

## INTERNATIONAL GENDER MAINSTREAMING COURSE AT ACCRA-GHANA NOV. 2008

The ministry sponsored some Women from the state to the second phase of Gender mainstreaming course held at Accra-Ghana. This course was organised by Federal Ministry of Women Affairs to build the capacity of key officers on Gender Mainstreaming.



Representatives from Different states



**GRADUATION CEREMONY OF BENEFICIARIES OF ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT ORGANISED BY HOPE WORLD WIDE, ON FEB. 26TH 2009**

The ministry was invited on the occasion of graduation ceremony of Beneficiaries of Economic Empowerment organised by Hope World Wide funded by Citi Foundation for vulnerable women in Rumuwoji Community in Port Harcourt



**Beneficiaries with their organisers**



**Mrs Ngozi Richman Director Planning Research & Statistics presenting certificate to a beneficiary**



**Equipment presented to the beneficiaries**

**GREEN RIVER CORPORATE FORUM**  
The ministry was represented during inauguration of Green River Corporate Forum which was organised by Ministry of Environment, to map out strategies to maintain clean Environment. Ministry of Women Affairs was considered as one of their stakeholders.

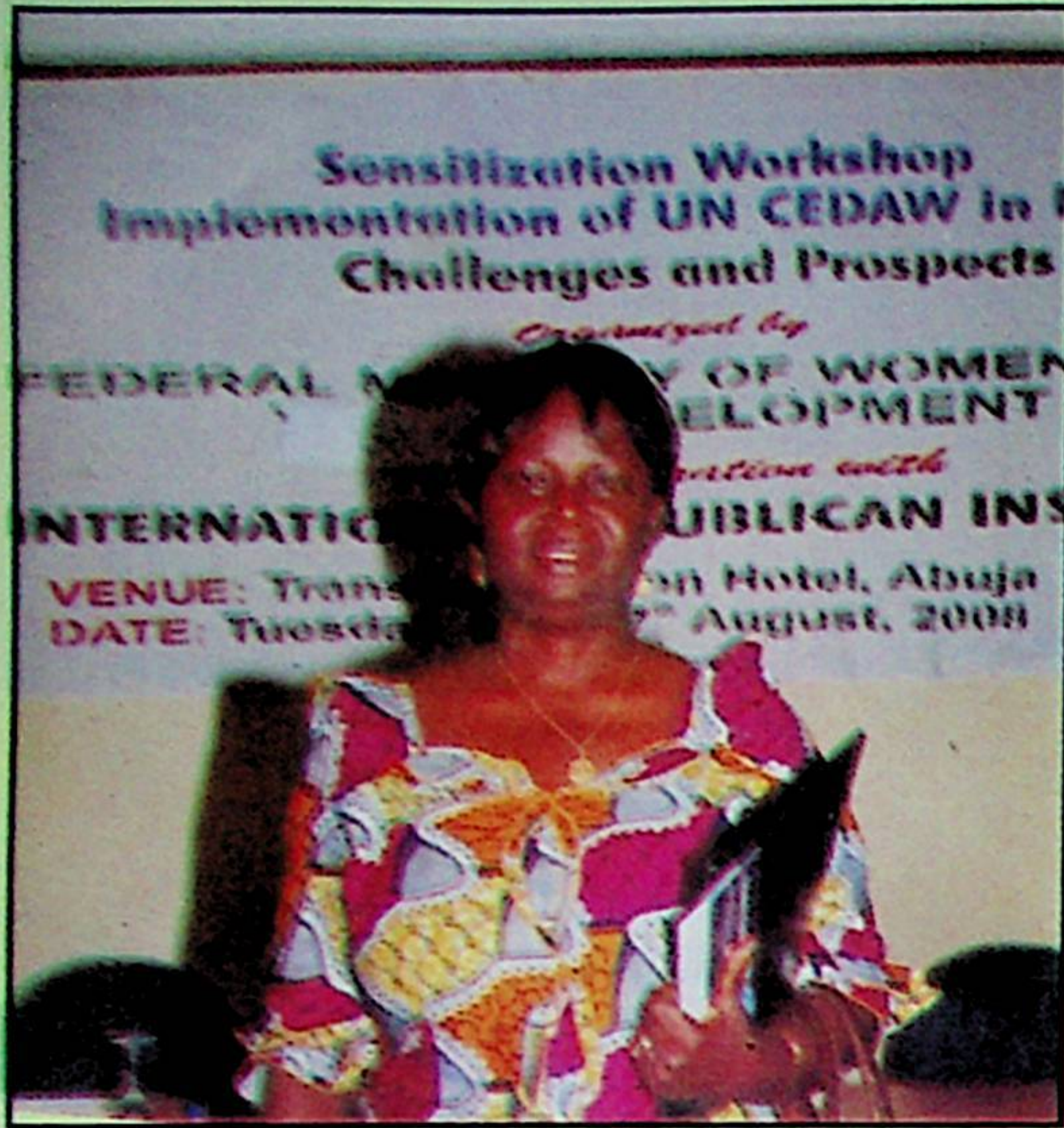


**Chief Albert Dokibo  
Director Administration**

**SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP ON IMPLEMENTATION OF UN CEDAW IN NIGERIA**

The Ministry participated during stakeholders meeting on Post Defence of the 6th periodic Report of the UN convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against women (CEDAW) held at Trancorp Hilton Hotel Abuja on 25th-27th August 2008. This was a sensitization workshop organised in collaboration with international Republic Institute (IRI) to inform and educate participants on the UN CEDAW.





**MRS BLESSING DIENYE**  
Director Women Affairs Department

**PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY FIDA AT THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ON MAY 2008.**

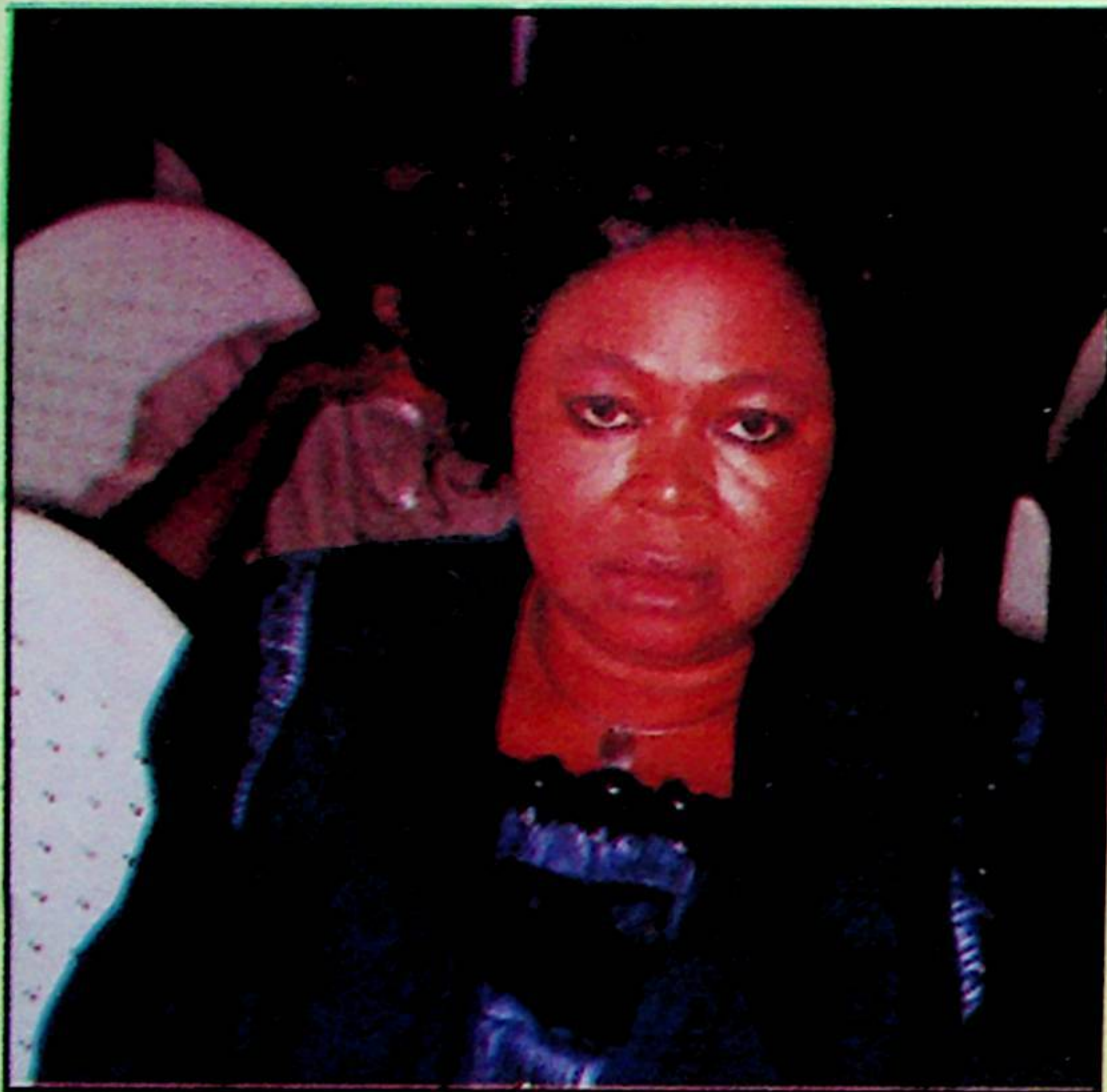
The Ministry participated during this occasion organised by International Federation of Women Lawyers, Rivers Chapter



Com. Vivien Braide given her speech on the occasion



Cross section of the staff



**MRS HELEN S. PETERS**  
Director Finance and Account

**SEND FORTH PARTY FOR THE PERMANENT SECRETARY.**

The Ministry on the 14th January 2009 organised a send forth party for Dr. (Mrs.) Maria Krukrubo, the Permanent Secretary who retired last Dec. 2008.



Children rendering farewell songs to outgoing Perm Sec. Dr. Mrs Maria Krukrubo



Out going P.S./Family Kneeling for prayer

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**Ministry officials in group picture with out going RS and her family**



**Hon. Com. For Women Affairs delivering her welcome address**

**ONE-DAY PARTNERSHIP BUILDING ON THE NATIONAL GENDER POLICY STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK**

The Federal Ministry of Women Affairs & Social Development (FMWASD) conducted one-day Implementation framework on National Gender Policy organised in the State.



**Her Excellency Dame Judith Amaechi delivering her keynote address**



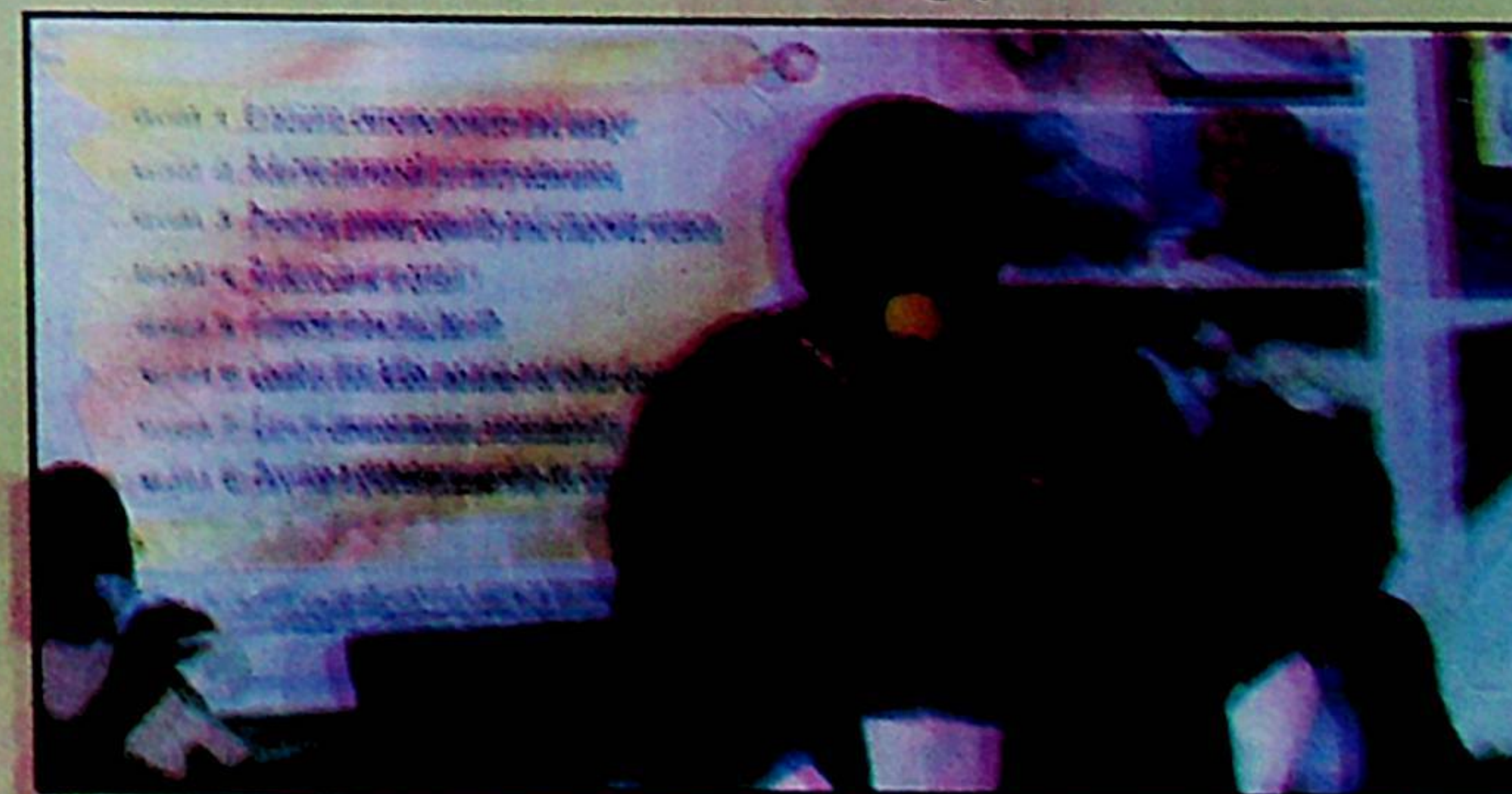
**Group picture of participants during the workshop**



**Resource person making presentation**

**STAKEHOLDERS MEETING ON MDGS**

The Ministry on 24th February, 2009 organized a meeting enable the Senior Special Assistant to the President on MDGs, Hajiya Amina Ibrahim have a one-on-one interactive session with the Women and Youths on issue relating to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in the State.



**Resource person making presentation**





S. A. To president on MDG sensitizing the audience



Her Excellency reading 1st lesson and words of exhortation



Cross section of participants



Representative of His Excellency given his key note address



Hon. Com., S. A. On MDG, wife of the Rivers State Governor



Apostle Eugene Ogu delivering ths sermon

### 2009 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION IN RIVERS STATE

The Ministry on Wednesday 11th March 2009 commemorated the 2009 IWD in the State. This year's celebration has the theme: *"Men and Women: United to End Violence Against Women and Girls"*. This year's commemoration in the State featured:



CROSS SECTION OF WORSHIPPERS AT ABUNDANT LIFE EVAGEL MISSION DURING 2009 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN DAY CELEBRATION





Hon. Com. For Women Affairs delivering her opening speeches



Com. Vivien Braide making her opening remark



Her Excellency leading state rally on violence against women/girls



Her Excellency leading women declaration for peace

Cross section of participants





Police band performing life during IWD 2009



Cross section of participant during IWD 2009



State troupe present drama and intertainment to guests



Her Excellency delivering her speech



Her Excellency and Com. Braide expressing delight over the conduct of Affairs



Hilda Okubo leading youths participation in 2009 IWD

- ✍ Inter-Denominational Church Service at Abundant Life Evangel Mission, Rumuomoi on Sunday 10th March 2009
- ✍ Street march on Violence Against Women and Men
- ✍ Rally/Seminar
- ✍ The ministry used the occasion to honour ordinary women who have played
- ✍ Significant role in the society.



# NEPAD To Partner with Rivers State Ministry of Women Affairs

On Monday 30 March, the Special Adviser to the Governor on New partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Dr. Tex Wariboko paid a courtesy call to the Hon. Commissioner For Women Affairs The Special Adviser informed the Hon. Commissioner that NEPAD is ready to partner with the Ministry in order to improve on the women and children sector to bridge the gender gap, Continuing, the SA said that his office will also provide access to government to enhance capacity building through collaboration with international organizations, NGOs Oil Companies and private business to assist the office of the commissioner Dr. Tex Wariboko remarked that Government has recognized the important roles played by women and implored the Commissioner not to hesitate to call for the

support of NEPAD both financially and technically.

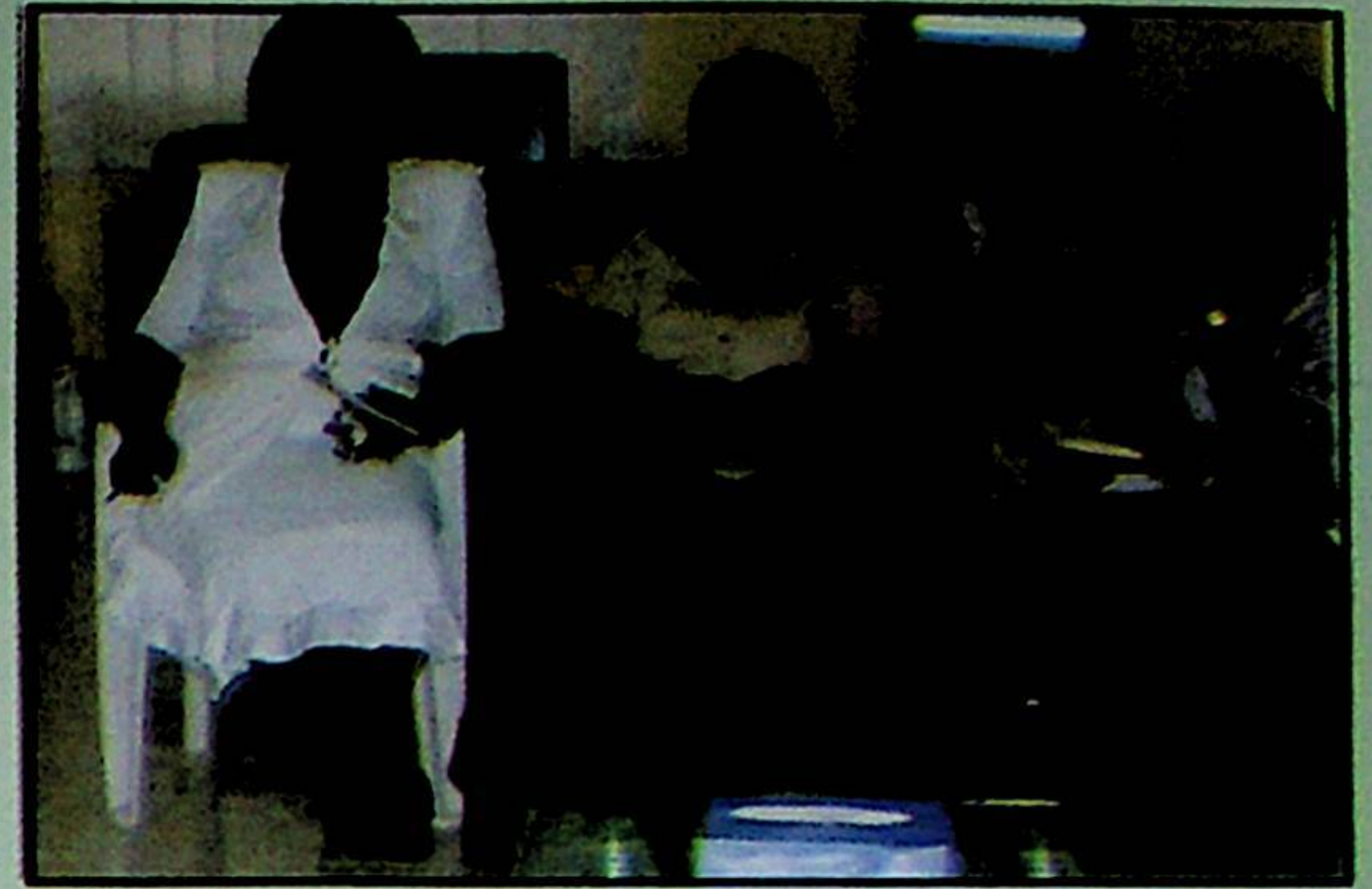
The highlight of the occasion was the presentation of the New partnership for Africa's Development Brochures to the Hon. Commissioner for Women Affairs, Mrs Vivien Braide.



**MR. HYCIENTH NWANGOLD**  
Director Economic Services  
representing the ministry on NEPAD



Comm. Braide exchanging pleasantries with Tex Wariboko



Heads of Department at the visit of S.A. To Governor on NEPAD



Head of dept at the visit of S.A. On NEPAD



Hon. Comm. discussing with S.A. On NEPAD



Commissioner Braide discussing with S.A. To Gov. On NEPAD during the visit