



**Presentation Defence**

**ON THE**

**HOSTING OF A NATIONAL  
SUMMIT**

**ON**

**CLIMATE CHANGE**

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## INTRODUCTION:

The battle to reverse climatic changes is very fundamental to life on earth because greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and nitrous oxides last for hundreds of years in the atmosphere, as a result, the impacts of our actions on the climate are cumulative and will be felt by generations to come. Infact, it has been estimated by scientists that the concentration of green house gases in the earth's atmosphere has almost doubled since pre- industrial times, mostly because of human burning of fossil fuels. This has caused average global temperature to increase by at least  $0.7^{\circ}\text{C}$  during the last 50 years. Current levels are expected to increase by about  $2^{\circ}\text{C}$  by the turn of the century. As former World Bank chief economist Sir Nicholas Stern, has noted, a warning of  $5^{\circ}\text{C}$  on a global scale would be well outside the experience of human civilization and would transform where we live and how we live our lives generating a hostile and extreme environment for human activity in many parts of the world. Equally, scientists around the world expect that an increase of  $2^{\circ}\text{C}$  will lead to:

- Water shortage that could affect 1 billion people by 2020.
- Increase in malnutrition, malaria, disease and injury due to the consequences of climatic change.
- Poor people and poor regions will be hardest hit.
- It is for this reasons that the issue has become the most topical in the world today.

Nigeria is particularly very vulnerable to climatic changes.

By virtue of its location (between  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $14^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and between  $3^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$ . It spans six major vegetation zones, reflecting the highly variable climate

throughout the Country .Scientists estimate that its sub Saharan location makes it one of the hot spots of climate change likely to experience the most severe impacts due to the delicate nature of existing eco-systems. It is also estimated that Africa's global warming trend which will be one and half times more than the global trend, with its Sahel zone, is estimated to be warmer by the close of this century. It is for these reasons that countries like Nigeria has been estimated to fit into the following categories of extreme weather events:-

1. Warmer and more frequent hot days and nights
2. Increase in heavy precipitation events
3. Increase in areas affected by droughts
4. Large scale to regional disruptions in ecosystems and to adverse impacts on food security, fresh water resources, human health and settlements,

Again developing countries like Nigeria are pre disposed to severe negative impacts of climate change due to its weak and fragile monocrop economy, weak resilience, low adaptive capacity and large population that is dependent on climatic sensitive resources.

In summary climatic change presents significant threats to the achievement of sustainable development in Nigeria.

### **OBJECTIVES AND ESTIMATED OUT COME OF THE SUMMIT**

It is expected that through the involvement s, partnership and collaborative action such as the one this summit is offering, stakeholders on climatic change will be enabled to become more proactive with substantial and more imaginative solutions towards issues of climate change.

It is also expected that such partnerships, collaborations and awareness will lead to a further concrete actions such as:-

(1)Direct involvement of states, local governments, local communities the private sector, civil society groups in scaling down global warming via mechanisms to reduce carbon emission caused by deforestation and degradation (The premise of reduced carbon emission caused by deforestation and degradation, REDD).

### **EXPECTED OUTCOME;**

(a)Intensification of tree planting exercises through programs co-ordinated by the National Governors forum.

(b)Better farming methods through efforts such as stoppage of bush burning, supply of improved seedlings, fertilizers, and other organic agric inputs. (The premise of reduced carbon emission caused by deforestation and degradation, REDD)

c)Accessing international funds accruable as a of result of REDD related activities .

d)Supporting REDD as one of the mechanisms for greater involvement of developing Countries in the global climatic change mitigation effort.

(e)Direct involvement of Stakeholders in the effort at controlling and mitigating the impact of both soil and coastal erosion.

(f)adoption of preventive measures to combat soil and costal erosion.

(g)Attraction of funds from climatic change mitigation funds and other multi-lateral agencies in combating soil and coastal erosion.

(h)Pursuing of better management methods. (embankments, retaining walls, grassing and tree planting activities, coastal management planning etc.

(i) Enablement of states ,councils, communities, civil society groups, the private sector on the processes and procedures for accessing adaptation funds of the Kyoto Protocol as well as other funds with

similar goals from multi-lateral institutions as key agencies of developing countries parties

(3) Drawing attention of Stakeholders on the need for better waste management and recycling efforts.

**Expected Outcome:**

- a. Assisting in efforts at better waste management and recycling efforts (both solid and liquid waste);
- b. exposure to new technologies and waste management strategies;
- c. Recycling and recovery programmes for organic materials, exposure to beneficial use of non organic materials including construction and demolition debris.

(4) Encouragement and Formation of a Research and Development Committee on Climate Change Technology:

(a) Develop Framework on Climate change Technology

(b) Capacity Building on Climate Change Technology

(c) Develop Technology Recycling Programs

(d) strategizing properly to fully take advantage of existing proven adaptation technologies and initiatives

(5) Drawing attention of Stakeholders to the negative consequences of the drying up of the Lake Chad Basin and the eruption of Lake Nyos

**EXPECTED OUTCOMES:**

(a) Involvement of States, Local Governments, Local Communities, Civil Society Groups and the Private Sector in the International effort at mitigating the impact of the Drying up of the Lake Chad Basin and the eruption of Mount Nyos. The Federal Government estimates that the Mount Nyo's eruption will impact negatively on nine States while

the drying of Lake Chad will impact negatively on the livelihood of people in about five States.

(6) Developing a Concrete plan of action to contribute to the global Climatic change response in differentiated ways that recognizes such combinations.

(7) Encouragement of negotiations on support for country, regional sub regional, council and community efforts to improve climatic data and information systems, to monitor climatic changes and to enhance Knowledge sharing.

(8) Push for support to developing and vulnerable countries to integrate climate change adaptation programmes at the national ,state, local and community levels.

**SUMMARY:** It is expected that staging such a huge national summit on climate change as the one being proposed would enable the Governors Forum to transform as an institutional champions of strong policy frameworks ,institutions and practice to address the challenges of climate change and sustainable development.

### **TARGET PARTICIPANTS**

The summit is especially being put together to sensitize the Nigerian public particularly those at the state , local government and community levels on the dangers of climate change and the need for synergy between them and other stakeholders in other to mitigate the impact of climate change. Such sensitization is expected to subsequently lead to enactment of appropriate policies and legislations and practice that will seek to place Nigeria on the same pedestrian as other more informed nations as regards the climatic change issue.

Following from the foregoing ,the target participants will be local community leaders, council officials, state government officials especially those dealing with issues of climate change etc

## **FUNDS GENERATION**

This summit has an enormous potential to generate adequate finances that will not only assist in making it a success but will also be enough to compensate the organizers for their efforts. Specifically the income that will accrue from the summit will be expected to come from the following sources;(a)payment of registration fees from state and council officials. The councils will also be expected to sponsor selected community and religious leaders.

(b)Sponsorships and grants from the private sector.

(c)Sponsors and grants from state governments and their agencies.

(d)Sponsorships from federal government agencies.

(e)Sponsorships and grants from international donor agencies.

The details of how these funds will be generated and used will be worked out between the secretariat and the consultants.

## **SPEAKERS**

Eminent speakers will be invited from across the globe to address the gathering. Such speakers will include prominent political leaders, noble prize laureates, environmental activists, sports and musical icons comedians and film actors. The summit could be chaired by the former head of state General Yakubu Gowon (rtd).Other former heads of states of Nigeria will equally be invited .Same also for prominent political, traditional, religious and civil society leaders.

## **A NEW DAWN COMMUNICATION LIMITED: A GLANCE**

The company was registered with the corporate affairs commission of Nigeria (CAC) in 2000. It specializes in environmental consultancy, Training, Workshops, seminars and events management.

The company employs highly trained and experienced professionals to achieve its objectives. The company has collaborative understanding with the *Miami* Florida USA based Cingular Information Systems limited an international environmentally friendly information systems and property development company.

Over time our company has been very active in environmentally related issues and activities. It has co-ordinated and consulted for several agencies both governmental and non-governmental in such varied and diverse areas such as environmental issues, science and technology, education, agriculture etc; such agencies include the Rivers State Government, The Niger Delta Development Commission, the Education Trust Fund (ETF) .The Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON), Imo State Government, Kano State Government etc.

The company has in the past worked closely with the Geneva based Global Climatic Change Agency in the organization of the climatic change conference that held in Durban South Africa between February 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 2009. It also participated actively in the workshop/seminar on climatic change that held in Johannesburg South Africa between 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> January 2010, plus numerous such other activities across the globe.

Its Directors and Promoters are Dr. Jones Ike, an environmentalist and public policy expert, Mr. Thomas Franklin, a USA national and information communication technology professional with bias for green technologies. Mr. Franklin also doubles as the Managing Director of our affiliate Company, Cingular Information Systems Ltd, Miami USA.

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