



**DECLARATION AFTER A ONE-DAY COMMUNITY TOWN HALL MEETING ON INCLUSIVE BUDGET ORGANIZED BY NIGER DELTA BUDGET MONITORING GROUP (NDEBUMOG) WITH SUPPORT FROM OXFAM IN NIGERIA, AT MONTY SUITES HOTEL, UYO, ON THE 16TH DAY OF MAY, 2015**

**An Inclusive Budget Town Hall Meeting** was held on 16th May 2015 at Monty Suites Hotel, Edet Akpan Avenue, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, for Uyo cluster stakeholders, made up of Uyo, Uruan, Ibiono ibom, Itu, Ibesikpo, Nsit Atai, Nsit Ubium, Nsit Ibom and Etinan Local Government Areas.

The meeting was attended by Women groups, Community Based Organizations, Youth groups, Clergies, Politicians etc.

After a robust interaction on the need for the government to carry out needs assessment before budget conceptualization, budget and implementation, we, the participants, reached the following resolutions:

1. The budget of the state government and other agencies should be harmonized, separated and appropriately christened.
2. Civil society groups and communities should be actively involved in the preparation of budget, bid processes for award of contracts, tracking, including monitoring and evaluation.
3. Communities should also be involved in empirical assessment and appraisal of end-users impact for capital projects in the budget.
4. The Public Procurement Act and other fiscal related laws should be respected in all processes of contract award.
5. Government should make budget document accessible to the citizenry.

6. Projects that is included in the budget of a particular fiscal year, whether completed or not, should be reflected in the subsequent fiscal years, including the actual already released in another column within the budget document to enable the citizenry follow up on the actual, even without waiting for audited financial reports of the government.

7. Areas or locations of project should be specified in the budget for easy identification and tracking.

8. Proper legislation should be put in place to protect whistle blowers.

Conclusively, we appeal that the Niger Delta Budget Monitoring Group (NDEBUMOG) should forward the above resolutions to the appropriate quarters.

**Signed:**

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