



PRESENTATION @ AGBOR CLUSTER TOWN HALL
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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

- ▶ Agbor and history within the context of Niger Delta
- ▶ Why is NDEBUMOG in Agbor?
- ▶ What are the projects we are looking at for Agbor Cluster for the 2013 fiscal year?
- ▶ What of Sector Specific indicators
- ▶ Is the Town Hall Clustering about State and Federal Projects?
- ▶ Next Steps
- ▶ What comes after it?



AGBOR AND HISTORY WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF NIGER DELTA

- ▶ Agbor is in Delta North Senatorial District, also known as Ominije, is an Igbo town in Delta State, Nigeria
- ▶ The indigenes of Agbor town are of Ika descent, an Igbo-speaking group
- ▶ Agbor, originally called Ominije, was founded by Omini from Aguleri. Ominije means "Omini Eze Ije" which translates "Omini the King of Travel"
- ▶ The city of Omini or Ominije was later renamed **Agbor** an Igbo word for "lineage" (a dialectal variant of "agburu")
- ▶ Its history is dominated by the many warriors it has produced.
- ▶ Agbor was once affiliated with the Benin Empire before the British conquered Benin, although the idea of Agbor being a colony of Benin is disputed, in view of its ancestral lineage with Ominije but at the same time found itself within the liberal influence of Oduduwa under the Benin Empire

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- ▶ The traditional ruler of Agbor is known as Eze or *Obi*.
- ▶ The current Obi of Agbor is Benjamin Ikechuku, Keagborekuzi I who goes by *Dein*, the name of his ruling house, instead of *Obi*, *Dein* is an Igbo word traditionally used to address older men as a mark of respect
- ▶ *Dein* is the dialectal variant of "De" and "Deede" used in other Igbo areas. In Agbor and in many other Igbo communities, the word "Dein" evolved to become a revered title for the oldest man in the community, and by implication, a title meaning the leader of the community
- ▶ In many areas of Igboland, Umude or Umudei or Umudein means the lineage that produces the King that is the descendants of the King. Umudei is the same as Umueze, Umuezeala, and Umuezeora



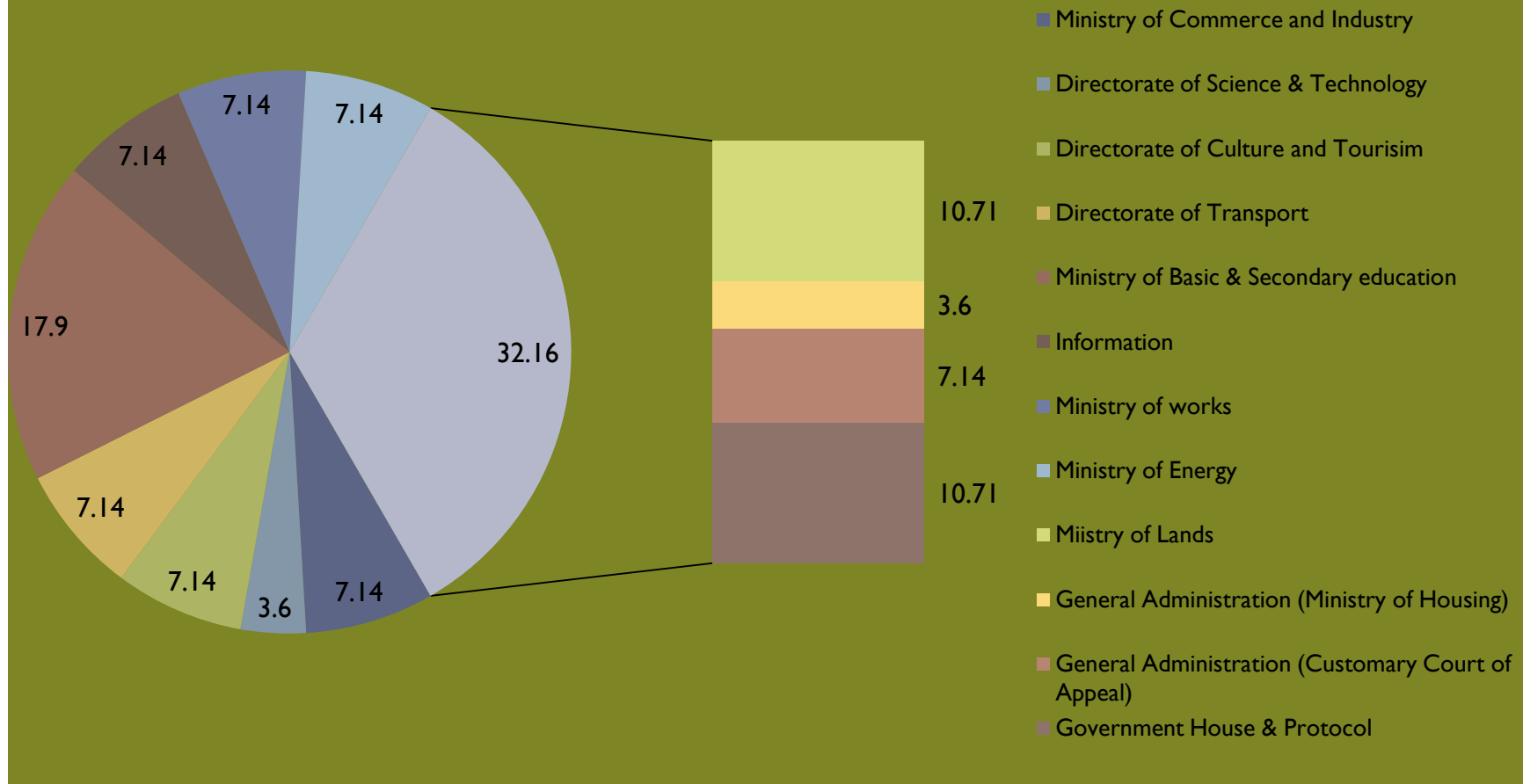
WHY IS NDEBUMOG IN AGBOR?

- ▶ NDEBUMOG sees Agbor as a marginalized cluster within the political equation of Delta State
 - ▶ This town and its inhabitants are crying for infrastructural justice, hence it was necessary, we include Agbor among our Regional Town Hall Meetings locations for 2015
 - ▶ The incoming government in Delta State should, therefore, give a massive infrastructural boost to Agbor, and put a blue-print in place to create an industrial or infrastructural corridor running from Agbor-Asaba and connecting Onitsha in Anambra State
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WHAT OF SECTOR SPECIFIC INDICATORS?

Sectoral Distribution Among Selected Projects by Sector for Agbor from Delta State 2013 Budget



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- ▶ 27 projects lifted from Delta State Government's Budget 2013 into the "Abridged Factsheet" in your hand. Additional 182 State projects were extracted from the Delta State 2013 Budget, the Niger Delta Development Commission's (NDDC) projects are 36 projects and Federal 10, which are all collated into NDEBUMOG Town Hall Meetings 2015 Master List
- ▶ **Please note:** these are not all the projects for your axis for 2013 but the ones we picked randomly at our discretion.



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- ▶ **To dilute your appetite, here is a blend of a few projects from the Federal and State Government:**
 - ▶ Rehabilitation of Agbor-Uromi Road of 2013 for N700m under FERMA
 - ▶ Abraka-Agbor-Uromi Road of FERMA in 2013 for Design/ Dualisation of Sapele/Amukpe-Abraka-Agbor Road for N243m
 - ▶ Benin-Agbor Upgrading of Substandard Lane for N160m under FERMA
 - ▶ Improvement of the alignment of Benin-Asaba Road (Benin-Agbor Section, (Onitsha Road) in Edo State under FERMA for N160m
 - ▶ Upgrading of four Central Hospitals to Specialist Hospital at Warri, Ughelli Agbor, and Sapele for N4 billion in Delta State Budget 2013
 - ▶ Rehabilitation of Sapele- Agbor Roads at N400 million under Delta State Budget 2013.
 - ▶ Among other projects to be presented to you from the “Abridged Factsheet”.
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IS THE TOWN HALL CLUSTERING ABOUT STATE AND FEDERAL PROJECTS?

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NEXT STEPS

- ▶ The next presentation shall provide you details of the 27 projects encapsulated in the “Abridged Factsheet”
- ▶ What we are doing is to empower and encourage our communities to enjoy democratic freedom in following their money. It is to assist you and your community:

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CONCLUSION

- ▶ We are willing to assist our Niger Delta communities follow upon their projects and further serve as a bridge, for the facilitation of interfacing between our communities and the government at all levels.
- ▶ Send enquiries concerning information of projects you may wish to know and we shall follow up with the government to provide such information, provided, such enquiry not for single individual personal gain but for the collective benefit of our suffering communities in the Niger Delta
- ▶ Enquiries can be sent to: enquiries@nigerdeltabudget.org



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

