



**PRESENTATION @ UYO CLUSTER
TOWN HALL MEETING OF 16TH**

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**PRESENTATION BY THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NIGER DELTA BUDGET
MONITORING GROUP TO UYO CLUSTER STAKEHOLDERS**

OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

- ▶ The place of Uyo in the context of Niger Delta
- ▶ Why is Uyo among our Town Hall Meeting locations ?
- ▶ State capitals in isolated rat race within the region
- ▶ What are the projects we are looking at for Uyo Cluster for the 2013 fiscal year?
- ▶ Are Federal Government projects FY 2013 Appropriation Amendment Act among those we are trace-tracking for this cluster?
- ▶ What of Sector Specific indicators
- ▶ Is the Town Hall Clustering about State and Federal Projects?
- ▶ What comes after it?



THE PLACE OF UYO IN THE CONTEXT OF NIGER DELTA

- ▶ In 1928, the formation and formal inauguration of the Ibibio State Union took place. In 1948, the Union transformed from a mere progressive cultural association to a meaningful national institution, which engaged itself in the propagation and promotion of the noble cause of the creation of states in Nigeria based on the concept of Nigeria as a Federation of States.
 - ▶ The agitation for the creation of a separate state for minority groups in the former eastern region was heightened in 1953 with the passing of a vote of no confidence on the Eyo Ita government and the subsequent formation of the United National Independence Party (UNIP) made up mainly of the non-Igbo speaking people of the region.
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- ▶ It was this party as official opposition party in the reconstituted Eastern House of Assembly that first demanded for the creation of the Calabar-Ogoja-River (COR) State for the minority groups of the region. The agitation for state creation later spread to the minority ethnic groups in the country. The increased agitation by various ethnic groups was subsequently discussed at the London Constitutional Conference of 1957 and a case for the creation of State for the minority groups in the country was established.
- ▶ Between 1941 and 1952, an organization known as the Ijo Rivers People's League had agitated for the creation of a distinct Rivers Province. In 1953, another body called the Council of Rivers Chiefs replaced the League and became the Rivers Chiefs and Peoples' Congress in 1954, and the Rivers Chiefs Peoples Conference in 1956. The leaders of this organization cooperated with the Calabar Ogoja Rivers (COR) State Movement formed in Uyo in December 1953, but later broke away to press their own case before the Willink Commission.
- ▶ On September 23, 1987 the South-western third of Cross River State got created as a new state called Akwa Ibom State. Thus, Akwa Ibom was created by combining the Uyo, Ikot Ekpene, Eket and Abak divisions of old Calabar Province.



WHY IS UYO AMONG OUR TOWN HALL MEETING LOCATIONS ?

- ▶ Uyo is important, because it was a major trade route particularly during the era of slave trade (1503 - 1842) and a cradle of European Christian Missionary contact with people in hinterlands (1846 - 1900) at the beginning of the 20th century, seen in the early missionary presence of the Qua Iboe Mission established by Rev. Samuel Bill in 1912 at Ibeno and Etinan, followed by other missions like the Church of Scotland Mission, and the Roman Catholic Missions



STATE CAPITALS IN ISOLATED RAT RACE WITHIN THE REGION

- ▶ Regional integration not pursued
- ▶ The BRACED Commission conceptualized with a wobbling foundation, hence it has not served any meaningful purpose
- ▶ Until there is the political will to infrastructurally harmonize efforts among the states and closed up infrastructural gaps, if not, regional development would continue to elude the region



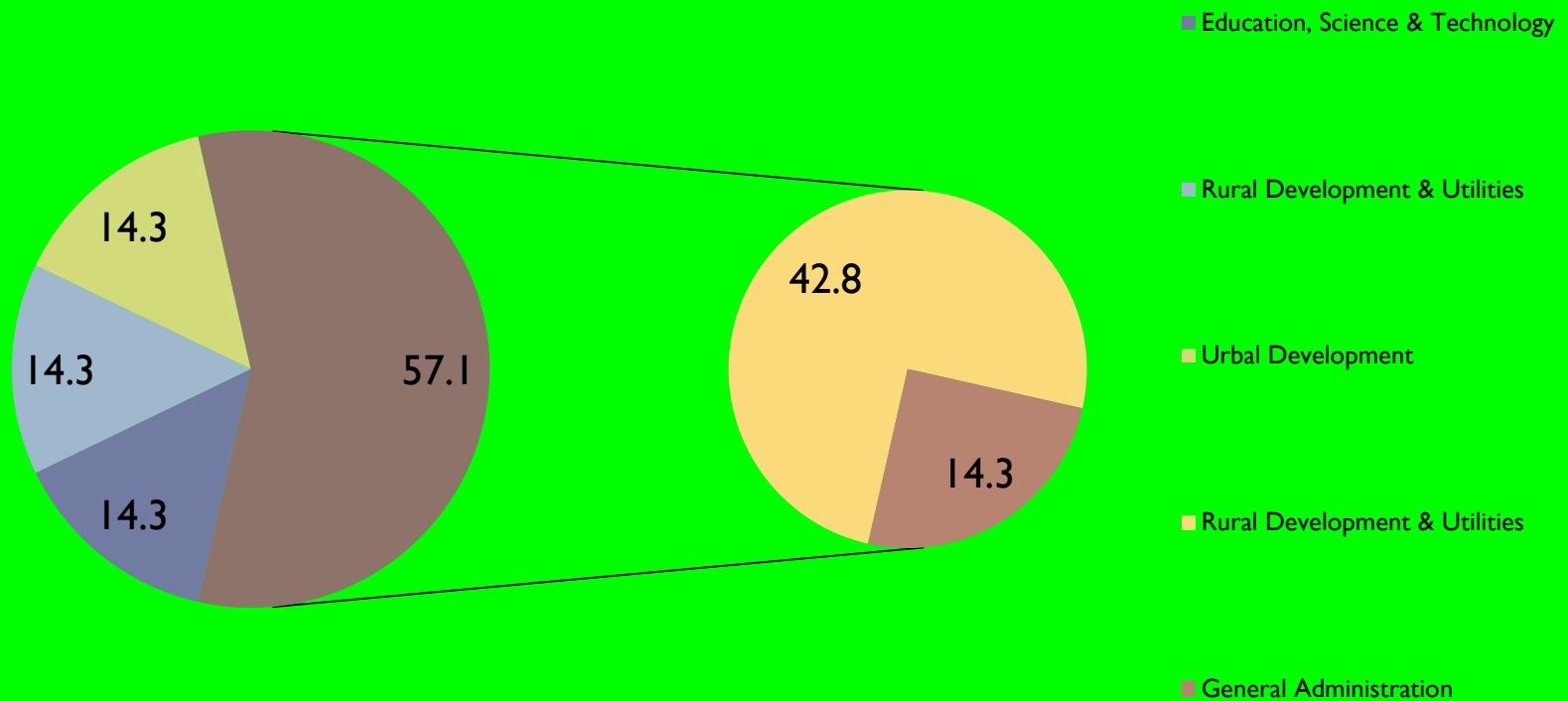
WHAT ARE THE PROJECTS WE ARE LOOKING AT FOR UYO CLUSTER FOR THE 2013 FISCAL YEAR?

- ▶ 8 projects were extracted from the Akwa Ibom State Government 2013 budget, as it affect your area. These 8 projects are in the “Abridged Factsheet”.
- ▶ Capital projects from the Federal Government 2013 Budget 41, additional 353 State’s projects were extracted from the Akwa Ibom State 2013 capital projects, while the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) is having 78 projects, collated into the 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.



UYO SECTORALLY Cont...

Distribution of Selected Projects by Sectors in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State



ARE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS FY 2013
APPROPRIATION AMENDMENT ACT AMONG THOSE WE ARE
TRACE-TRACKING FOR THIS CLUSTER?

- ▶ Yes! Follow up on: www.nigerdeltabudget.org



NEXT STEPS

- ▶ The next presentation shall provide you details of 8 projects encapsulated in the Abridged Factsheet
- ▶ What we are doing is to empower and encourage our communities to enjoy democratic right and freedom in following their money
- ▶ Join the campaign against budget impunity



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

