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ADDRESS PRESENTED DURING VISIT OF NDEBUMOG'S TEAM TO HRH IGWE (ENGR) C. E. EJEH OF OGBODU-ABA COMMUNITY, UDENU LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENUGU STATE. THE VISIT IS PART OF FISCAL CAMPAIGNS FOR RESPONSIVE GOVERNANCE AND EMPOWERMENT OF MARGINALIZED GROUPS, PARTICULARLY, WOMEN.

Protocols and introduction:

Historical background about NDEBUMOG

As you may wish to know, **NDEBUMOG** is a non-governmental, non-political, and non-religious (national) organisation with international network and partners, beyond Nigeria. We are headquartered in the heart of the Niger Delta. The organisation was conceptualized in 2005 and is registered by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) Abuja. We are pursuing a *vision of a Nigeria, where all public resources are maximally utilized for the benefit of all citizens. Our mission is to promote transparency and accountability for sustainable development and democratic consolidation in Nigeria.*

In view of the above, from our inception till date, we have held important positions, including, collaborations and partnerships with all tiers of governments. We have also been involved in strategic donors' (development) programs with development partners and multilateral agencies, which has culminated to facilitations and conducting of (all expenses paid) trainings for over 55,000 beneficiaries from our inception in 2005 till date. A few of the processes that we have been involved or led are listed below. Such are:

- Civil Society Liaison Organisation, Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI): 2009-2011- Presidency, Abuja.
- Zonal Coordinator-UNDP Inclusive National Budgeting Initiative (INBI)-National Assembly-Abuja- 2007-2009.
- Zonal Coordinator-BPP/World Bank Zonal Sensitizations on Nigeria's PPA-2008,2009,2011 and 2012.
- Member, Civil Society Steering Committee, Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI): 2009-2011
- Board Member, National Procurement Watch Platform: 2008-2012
- Subnational (Technical) Team Leader-Monitoring and Evaluation of Paris Club Debt Relief to Nigeria (2006-2013) Presidency, State House-Abuja.
- Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP, State House, Abuja) Regional Civil Society Contact Organisation - 2007-2015.
- Board Member, Nigeria Resource Governance Group: 2010 till date
- Member, Civil Society Advisory Committee to Nigeria's National Assembly-CSOLO-2009-2012 and 2012-2016.
- Pioneer National Lead Organisation-Coalition for Accountability and Transparency in Extractive Industries, Forestry and Fisheries in Nigeria (CATEIFFN)- 2010-2011
- Partner-Oxfam's Financing for Development (F4D) Strategic Partnership Program (2016-2020).
- Among others.

Some of our engagements, collaborations and partnerships' extends to OSIWA, NDI, IFES, ECOWAS, MFWA, AAIN, Oxford University, African Development Bank, United Nations Group, DfID, World Bank, USAID, Office of President, Budget Office of the Federation, Federal Ministry of Finance, Federal Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs, Federal Ministry of Solid Minerals, Federal Ministry of Environment, Water Resources, National Assembly Budget & Research Office (NABRO), OSSAP-SDGs, Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP)-State House, Abuja, National Assembly Committees, National Planning Commission, NGOs Unit in the Office of the Senate President, Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI) States' Legislature, SMBEPs, Local Government Areas and others numerous to be mentioned. The above are with documented evidentiality.

Our organisation was part of Nigeria's Official Delegation to the EITI Paris Conference of 2011, where Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative's (EITI) 1st Validation for Nigeria was announced. However, grassroot communities' remains our critical partners.

OUR ENGAGEMENTS IN ENUGU STATE AND WITH ENUGU STATE GOVERNMENT

As part of Oxfam's Financing for Development (F4D)-Strategic Partnership Program (SPP) in Nigeria, which commenced in 2016. NDEBUMOG is SPP's strategic (implementation) partner on *budget and fiscal governance*. The SPP runs till December 2020. It may be recalled that through this (SPP's) program, NDEBUMOG organised a fiscal governance training for government agencies across five (5) states (of Akwa Ibom, Delta, **Enugu**, Lagos and Rivers state) at Nike Lake Resort from November 28th to December 1st, 2016. A total of 111 government functionaries, including the Deputy Governor of Enugu state graced the event. Out of the number, over 80 participants were from government agencies in Enugu state. We also supported another Oxfam's partner through three years of SPP's implementation (2016-2018 as the technical partner) on community development techniques, strategic planning, gender responsive budgeting, economic justice and shadow budgeting. The (said) technical partnership engendered the training of over

5,000 persons within 3 years. A substantial number from the 5,000 beneficiaries were from communities across Enugu state.

Furthermore, through our (distinctive) SPP's programmatic threshold, over 300 (LGs) officers, across five (5) states benefitted from development (related) trainings. Out of the number, over 40 were from Enugu state. With (all) these, anyone could see that Enugu has become a state with a development interest to our organisation, even as participatory necessity puts a responsibility on us not to abandon our stakeholders in the state. It is our hope that stakeholders in Enugu state, will appreciate our hands for mutual collaborations and partnerships for the benefit of your people.

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Your Highness, in view of the above and need to expand our partnerships, engagements and collaborations with appropriate organs of government and communities in your state. We are here to expand network of our communal/grassroot associates. Your community was pointed to us for collaborative-interest by some of our stakeholders in Enugu state.

We see collaborations with communities as a vital strategy in the fight against poverty and inequality. Our interest extends to empowerment of women, where women's voices are heard and harmful traditional practices against women eradicated, since it has been proven that women have a key role to play in societal sanity and social transformation through motherhood influence of children that will be useful to society. We also see traditional influence, if tap, useful in shaping governance dynamics, since every politician or bureaucrats comes from a community. Yes! Kings can influence good governance!

Your Highness, once again, thank you for the audience! Please accept our assurances and good wishes. May the king live long for the benefit of humanity.

for: **NDEBUMOG Headquarters and Shadow Budget Groups**

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