

**COMMUNIQUE ISSUES AT THE END OF A TOWN HALL MEETING ORGANIZED
BY THE NIGER DELTA BUDGET MONITORING GROUP WITH SUPPORT
FROM OXFAM IN NIGERIA'S FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT- STRATEGIC
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (SPP- I YR 2), WHICH HELD AT AGEGE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, LAGOS STATE ON THE 3RD OF MARCH, 2018**

PREAMBLES

The program started by 10.12am with opening prayer by the Chief Imam of Agege Alhaji Abdulganu. Thereafter, the CEO of Niger Delta Budget Monitoring Group (NDEBUMOG). Dr. George-Hill Anthony, gave his welcome remarks. The representative of Oxfam in Nigeria, Mr. Celestine Okwudili Odo made his opening speech, at the same time as the wife of the Chairman of Agege Local Government gave welcomed all and thanked the organizers of the programme for bringing the gathering to Agege.

After deliberations during the meeting, it was resolved as follows:

1. That more town hall meetings should be organized on a monthly basis, instead of quarterly basis to appraise and evaluate developmental projects that are relevant to stakeholders.
2. That more synergies are needed between the Federal, States and Local Governments for the actualization of developmental plans in order to access funds meant for development projects/programmes, which may be sponsored by foreign organizations
3. That continuous training and re-training of technocrats and community- based organizations in order to ensure transparency and accountability.
4. That youths' and women empowerment are vital in the campaign against unemployment.
5. That more access roads or link roads to markets should be rehabilitated in order to create easy accessibility to major or state roads, open up more interior parts, thereby, ensure growth and development of the area and further boost economic situation of the LG.
6. That in terms of agriculture and processing plants e.g. smoking kiln and cold room for butchers and fisher folks are needed.
7. That improved and continuous training on agriculture in order to improve empowerment and extension programmes are needed.
8. The need to ensure that stakeholders are included during the budget making processes on a continuous basis is vital.
9. That empowerment of traders and artisans should be encouraged.

In absence of any other addition to the above, the motion for adoption of communique was moved by Alabi Gbemisola G. and seconded by Comrade Oyewale Sunday Schemer.

This communique was signed by:

1. Com. Sanusi Olatunji Abbas- CDC Secretary, Agege LGA.
2. Prince Akande Olawale- Artisans Chairman, Agege
3. Amosu Oluwabukola- Community Development Officer
4. Alhaji Taibat Tijani Lawal- Iyaloja General, Agege LGA
5. Chief (Mrs.) Bola Britto- Women Leader.