A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF A CLIMATE CHANGE MEDIA SUMMIT TAGGED:

ROAD TO COP 27

ORGANISED BY THE CENTRE FOR JOURNALISM INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (CJID) THROUGH ITS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THE EVENT WAS HELD ON 27TH OCTOBER 2022 AT CHELSEA HOTEL, ABUJA.
PREAMBLE

The Centre for Journalism Innovation and Development (CJID) organised the first media summit on climate change in West Africa to analyse climate change issues and how they affect Africa as the world prepares for COP27. Over 130 physical and virtual participants were present at the event, including prominent organisations like the Nigerian Meteorological Agency, Natural Resources Governance Institute, Dataphyte, Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), HEDA Resource Centre, FCT Emergency Management Agency, Federal Ministry of Environment, Radio Nigeria, The Nation Newspaper, Premium Times, BudgIT Foundation,

OBJECTIVE

The summit sought to engage critical stakeholders on a series of climate change research papers produced by the Centre over the course of the year. It also expected to generate vital discourse needed to push for an inclusive agenda as Nigeria and the world prepare for COP 27 in Egypt.

The following papers were discussed and presented:

- Feasibility of Nationally Determined Contributions in West Africa
- Presentation on Flooding and Environmental disaster in Nigeria
- Gender Impact of Climate Change in Nigeria and Ghana

The event featured four panel discussions on the following issues:

- Gender Impact of Climate Change in Nigeria and Ghana
- Impact of Russia/Ukraine Crisis on Energy Transition
- Environmental Disaster and Flooding in Nigeria: Role of Stakeholders
- Africa at COP27: Leveraging Effective Partnerships for Adaptation and Financing
RESOLUTIONS FROM PRESENTATIONS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Feasibility of Nationally Determined Contributions in West Africa - Presentation of the Research

- We must explore the ecological, economic, sociocultural, and technological aspects and the institutional capacities of the commitments made by various African governments in addressing climate change issues.

- Governments of African countries should mobilise funds/finance domestically to implement policies relating to climate change. This reduces vulnerability to international organisations.

- Climate efforts in Nigeria must be human-centred and not just to reduce greenhouse emissions.

- The issue of inter-duplicity of roles among MDAs with inter-related functions should be resolved by the government in order to prevent the illegality that can be utilised by defaulters.

Impact of Russia/Ukraine Crisis on Energy Transition

- The solid mineral and mining sector is a possible alternative source to leverage to earn more, but Nigeria must resolve the legacy issues surrounding the exploitation of minerals in those regions, such as conflict and employment possibilities.

- Energy is for society and should be about society. So, there should be a constructive conversation between the state and society on energy transition plans. That way, all parties will be on the same page.

- Increasing access to modern energy, reducing losses and making the economy more competitive.
Gender Impact of Climate Change

- Climate change education and awareness should be carried out at the grassroots.
- Media must be able to present data as opportunities for the private sector to invest, eg SMEs, which are mainly driven and how they can be innovative.
- The CBN must develop practices that promote access to finance even as the media amplifies the issues of the impact of climate change on gender.

Environmental Disaster and Flooding in Nigeria: Role of Stakeholders

- NIMET should work with the NCC to ensure timely amber alerts on flooding disasters are sent to Nigerians
- NIMET and other MDAs should work with the media to produce great stories that will put pressure on the government and the communities affected to take proactive measures before disaster strikes.
- Ensure that journalists who are interested in covering flooding stories are well-trained and equipped to cover the issue

Africa at COP27: Leveraging Effective Partnerships for Adaptation and Financing

- Negotiators and representatives of Nigeria should have a broad knowledge of what COP27 is about as this will help inform our languaging during such conversations.
- Nigeria/Africa must leverage its natural resources and products to attract the necessary investment from international communities.
- Any project linked to loss and damage is a big priority in Nigeria at COP27, and these projects must have been developed in consultation with civil society organisations.
- The Nigerian government should include the private sector in the COP27 committee the conversations at COP27 should come from a perspective of seriousness, structure and impact.
- During COP27, Nigerians should share success stories of technology and home-grown solutions.
The contents of this communique were agreed on by all stakeholders present and adopted.

Dated this 27th of October, 2022
Witnessed by Representatives of:

FCT Emergency Management Agency
Kwali wire & cable manufacturing Ltd.
Africa Centre for Energy and Environmental Sustainability
Nigerian Meteorological Agency
International Centre for Investigative Reporting, ICIR
Centre for Journalism Innovation and Development
Greenlane Universal Foundation
Nigeria Bar Association
YALI Network Abuja
Global Environmental and climate conservation initiative GECCI Lagos
Media Trust
Nigerian Youth Inclusive Initiative
Koolboks
African tourism television
National Youth Inclusive Initiative (NYII)
Nigerian Pilot newspaper
YOUNGO-UNFCCC
Oak tv
Leadership Newspaper & Elanzanews.org
Keen and Care Initiative (KCI)
University of Lagos (Department of Political Science)
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BudgIT Foundation
Nigerian Television Authority (NTA)
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