Akwa Ibom State COP 22 Sideline Event

Event Report
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The United Nations Climate Change Conferences are yearly conferences held in the framework of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

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Marrakech

7-18 November, 2016
“We, therefore stand ready to engage in meaningful partnerships to tackle the menace and call on our neighbours and developing partners to fulfill their financial obligations in support of efforts to mitigate the negative impact of climate change.”

His Excellency Mohammadu Buhari GCFR
President and Commander-in-Chief
Federal Republic of Nigeria
“After the Paris Agreement, Marrakech 2016 is a history that we are all witnessing. The Akwa Ibom State COP 22 Sideline Event is a part of making that history.”
“As you may know, this is my last COP. I have one and half months to go as Secretary-General of the United Nations. I will never cease, even after my retirement, to work with the United Nations and my colleagues, and world leaders to make sure that this climate change agreement is in full implementation and to make this world and people safer and healthier and more prosperous”
“It would discuss roadmap that developed countries will have prepared for mobilizing $100 billion in climate finance for developing countries by 2020. This include, transparency regime, information in communicating NDC and implementation.”

Hon. Amina J. Mohammed
Minister of Environment
Federal Republic of Nigeria
Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria COP 22 Sideline Event
Greening The Akwa Ibom State 5-Point Development Agenda
- Strategic Roadmap to Sustainable Green Development in Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria.

Participants:
- Federal Ministry of Environment
- Global Climate Change Investment Professionals
- Global Climate Change Researchers
- Grant Writers
- Global Press
- Non-state Actors

Chief Host:
- The Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State, His Excellency, Mr. Udom Emmanuel

Event Convener:
Ecologistics Integrated Services Ltd.
Preambles

The Conference of Parties 22 (COP 22) in Marrakech marks the beginning of a new cycle of COPs - COPs for action. COP 22 in Marrakech identifies the tools that will permit the implementation of the Paris Agreement. Innovative ideas, tools and solutions were major features of the COP 22 environment in Marrakech presenting great opportunities for non-state actors and governments to interact and develop framework for implementing the Paris Agreement.

In its visionary approach, the Akwa Ibom State Government of Nigeria participated in COP 22 as a sub-national government, under the auspices of the Nigerian delegation to COP 22. In addition to participating at several side events, exhibitions and networking, the Akwa Ibom State Government held an event under the sidelines of the UNFCC COP 22. The event which was organized by the state’s Climate Change Consultants, Ecologistics Integrated Services Ltd., took place at the prestigious Movenpick Hotel Mansour Eddahbi in Marrakech, Morocco on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

This sideline event presented an opportunity for Akwa Ibom State Government to express its climate change disposition and explore avenues for fast-tracking prospective climate change initiatives by syncing its 5-point development agenda with the implementation modules of the Paris Agreement.

The Akwa Ibom State COP 22 sideline event was a privileged forum for key stakeholders – business, policy makers, investors, influential intellectuals and the press.
The main objective of the Akwa Ibom State COP 22 Sideline Event is to provide the platform to accelerate the sustainable development initiatives of Akwa Ibom State Government through climate change funding and technology support.

Supplementary Objectives

- Meet the provision for sub-national participation at COP 22.
- Create global climate change visibility for Akwa Ibom State.
- Develop a platform for sustainable green network for Akwa Ibom State.
- Attract new sources of funding for Akwa Ibom State.
- Attracting green projects and investments for Akwa Ibom State.

Technical Objectives

- Alignment of the technology elements of Akwa Ibom State's development agenda with the Paris Agreement.
- Explore the value of civic innovation on inclusive green economic development for Akwa Ibom State.
- Explore the sustainable basis for Akwa Ibom State's technology actions in line with the elements of youth engagement, equity and inclusion.
- Explore the essentiality of technology of compassion in green development.
Address by His Excellency, Mr. Udom Emmanuel
Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria.

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• We are seeing our future to be green from today.

• My Consultant Dr. Abolo has enumerated how we tied our 5-point Development Agenda to the Paris Agreement.

• All the engagement, deliberations, discussions and partnership that will form part of the history under the United Nation Framework for Climate Change will be taking place here.
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- Akwa Ibom State is a major oil producing state in Nigeria; and yet it is in the forefront of climate change action.

- Akwa Ibom State is the state with the longest coastline (129 kilometres) in Nigeria.

- We have also engaged in the establishment of an automobile assembly plant that would assemble vehicles with low emission capabilities.
We set up a technical committee on foreign direct investment that will regulate and look at anything that we do in terms of our industrialization. We have also set up other committees on

- Ibaka Deep Seaport
- Agriculture and Food Sufficiency

These are committees that look beyond the ordinary or what others are doing; to look beyond the traditional approach in carrying out development and consider the future. This will also help a whole lot to assess the impact on the environment in the nearest future.

The organic nature of what we are producing is so much environment friendly that we cannot afford to look any other way than go Agrarian. The state is rich in oil palm, rubber, cocoa, fishery and forest reserves.
Akwa Ibom State has created incentives for sustainable development.
- Guaranteed prompt allocation of land for industrial and commercial, agricultural and housing projects
- Export processing zone for the proposed export-oriented refinery in the state.
- Developed urban and rural roads in the state
- An independent power plant has been constructed in the state to generate 85MW of power at first phase.
- Industrial databank on available raw materials and natural resources
- Business advisory promotion clinic

**Investment Opportunities**
- Deep Seaport Development
- Maritime Services Dockyard and Watercraft Repair Facilities
- MRO hanger
- Airport Cargo Handling and Associated Services
- Urban taxi and Bus Services
- Intra / Inter State Rails Lines
“In the State’s bid to leverage on the new global climate change action and green economy as represented by UNFCCC; to gain national, sub-national and international relevance, we have decided to share our development strategy outside the shores of Nigeria at this historic COP22 Event in Marrakech, Morocco.”

Sir Etekamba Umoren
Secretary to the State Government (SSG)
Akwa Ibom State Government
Welcome Address

Extension of Akwa Ibom State’s responsible governance leadership to responsible environmental governance leadership

5-point development agenda
• Job Creation
• Poverty Alleviation
• Wealth Creation
• Economic and political inclusion
• Infrastructural Consolidation and Expansion

Extension of Akwa Ibom State’s responsible governance ideology into environmental governance dimensions
• The Paris Agreement clearly makes provision for engagement at sub-national levels.
• The role of sub-national government in climate change awareness sensitization, participation and climate change initiatives.
• Akwa Ibom State Government has demonstrated compliance through this sideline event, and it is the only sub-national government in Nigeria to host such high-level programme in COP22.
• Opportunity for sustainable development in climate change action
• Support from the Federal Ministry of Environment to Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria.

Akwa Ibom State is to consider making impact in:
• Solar Development in Nigeria
• Water Supply
• Climate Smart Agriculture
• Green Industrialization

“Akwa Ibom State should be prepared to showcase success stories come COP 23”
Syncing Akwa Ibom State's 5-point Development Agenda with the Paris Agreement and Nigeria’s NDC.

- **Job Creation**
  - Engage civil societies, private sectors, financial institutions, cities and subnational authorities to contribute, scale-up efforts and support for Climate Change Actions (paragraph 118, 134 and 135).

- **Poverty Alleviation**
  - Section 6 (8): “Parties recognize the importance of integrated, holistic and balanced non-market approaches being available to Parties to assist in the implementation of their nationally determined contributions, in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, in a coordinated and effective manner, including through, inter alia, mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology transfer and capacity-building, as appropriate.”

- **Wealth Creation**
  - Paragraph 115 “...with a concrete roadmap to achieve the goal of jointly providing USD 100 billion annually by 2020 for mitigation and adaptation while significantly increasing adaptation finance from current levels and to further provide appropriate technology and capacity-building support...”
Dr. Paul Abolo
President, Ecologistics Integrated Services Ltd.
Climate Change Action Consultant to Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria
Syncing Akwa Ibom State’s 5-point Development Agenda with the Paris Agreement and Nigeria’s NDC

• Wealth Creation (Cont’d)
  • Paragraph 53 - Developing Country Parties to receive financial resources for Climate Change Initiatives
  • Paragraph 55 – Resource-based payments for implementation of policy approaches and positive incentives for reducing emissions from deforestation, etc.
  • Paragraph 55: result-based payments.

• Economic and Political Inclusion
  • Paragraphs: “134. Welcomes the efforts of all non-Party stakeholders to address and respond to climate change, including those of civil society, the private sector, financial institutions, cities and other subnational authorities; 135. Invites the non-Party stakeholders referred to in paragraph 134 above to scale up their efforts and support actions to reduce emissions and/or to build resilience and decrease vulnerability to the adverse effects of climate change and demonstrate these efforts via the Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action platform4 referred to in paragraph 118 above”.

• Infrastructural consolidation and Expansion
  • Article 6(8)(b) “Enhance public and private sector participation in the implementation of nationally determined contributions; and (c) Enable opportunities for coordination across instruments and relevant institutional arrangements.
  • Paragraph 68 (a) “The undertaking and updating of technology needs assessments, as well as the enhanced implementation of their results, particularly technology action plans and project ideas, through the preparation of bankable projects”
  • Paragraph 68 (b) “The provision of enhanced financial and technical support for the implementation of the results of the technology needs assessments”
  • Paragraph 68 (d) “The enhancement of enabling environments for and the addressing of barriers to the development and transfer of socially and environmentally sound technologies”
Mr. Ufot Ebong
Senior Special Adviser to Akwa Ibom State Government on Technical Matters
Technical Implications of Greening Akwa Ibom State’s 5-Point Development Agenda

- Technology for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation for Sustainable Development
- Technology Infusion for Greening Akwa Ibom State Development Agenda
- Aligning Akwa Ibom State development process with the new global Climate Change paradigm - Technology Transfer and Adaptation
- Syncing Akwa Ibom State 5-Point Development Agenda with technology transfer provisions of Paris Agreement
- Paragraph 66 (b) of Paris Agreement highlights the road to strengthen technology transfer for Climate Change & Sustainable Development.


- Akwa Ibom State has created an enabling environment for technology transfer and adaptation.
- Green Transportation
  - In the process of retrofitting the vehicles that ply Akwa Ibom roads to be gas-powered
- Deep Sea Port
- New Urban Development Projects
  - Two new cities Ibom Industrial Cities
  - Liberty Free Trade Zone
Dr. Iniobong Essien
Immediate Past Commissioner for Environment and Mineral Resources
Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria

Roadmap to Sustainable (Green) Development In Akwa Ibom

- Transition from Brown to Green Climate-resilient economy
- Thrust on:
  - Job Creation
  - Infrastructure Development
  - Poverty Alleviation
  - Political Inclusion
- Integration of Akwa Ibom State’s programmes into Nigerian National Planning
- Occupational transition to Green Economy
- Infusion of Climate Change sensitivity into development planning process
Target to zero emission is an installment process.

The most pressing emission challenge is the gas flaring in the state.

We have started even as a state to approach the major industries to turn to gas powered policy.

We supply gas to several industries including most of the IPPs.

We are open to partnerships in this angle.
Akwa Ibom
Stand for
Climate Action
Greening Akwa Ibom State 5-Point Development Agenda

• Develop framework for accessing Climate Change Action funding and technology support.
• Actively engage top government officials in the Climate Change Action through multi-stakeholder inclusive approach.
• Actively involve the judiciary in climate change justice.
• Inclusive approach to actively involve legislature in climate change environmental policy formulation.
• Organize a high-level post-COP 22 conference in the state for implementation of Nigeria’s NDC in the state.
• Actively develop bankable green project.
• Motivate global attention for green investment in Akwa Ibom State.
• Sustain national leadership in green economy through global collaborations and partnerships.
Akwa Ibom is working...

Cassava Processing Plant
...in less than 365 days

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