

Ilaje RDC and Dodo River CRDA Commission Ultra-Modern Office Secretariat



Cross section of guests at the Dodo River RDA projects commissioning.

July 10, 2020 marked an epoch-making event, as the Ilaje Rural Development Advocacy Committee Initiative (Ilaje RDC) commissioned her ultra-modern, fully equipped Secretariat at Ode-Ugbo in Ilaje LGA of Ondo State.

Welcoming guests to the ceremony, the Ilaje RDC Chairman, Prince Adekunle Omomowo, expressed his joy and pride that, since the inception of the Ilaje RDC in 2005, a permanent secretariat had finally been built, equipped and commissioned during his tenure as Chairman. Prince Omomowo urged the RDC members and staff to ensure that the office and its equipment are put to good use and properly maintained.

In a Goodwill message, from the Governor of Ondo State, Arakurin Rotimi Akeredolu, delivered by Hon. Bola Ajimuda, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Oil Matters, the Governor congratulated the RDC, stating that the project is one that has established a milestone of development in Ilaje land.

Similarly, on July 9, 2020 the Dodo River Communities Rural Development Association (DRCRDA) commissioned her Secretariat (Dodo House) in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State. Other projects commissioned were: Bilabiri 1 Primary School building, Furnishing of



Hon. Bola Ajimuda, commissioning the Ilaje RDC Secretariat community

Bilabiri 1 Primary School, Amatu II Concrete Walkway, Communication Systems/Chairs/Tables and canopies, Double 115 engine executive Passport 19 speed boat (2017 Peace bonus project) and Biosand Filtration project.



Front view of the newly commissioned Ilaje RDC Secretariat at Ode-Ugbo, Ondo State



Front view of the commissioned Dodo River CRDA Secretariat in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State

In his speech, the RDA Chairman, Hon. Berry Negerese said the projects commissioned cut across the RDA communities in line with the vision and mission of the Association. He explained that the office complex has 10 offices, a board room, meeting hall with over 200 persons' capacity, tearoom and both

private/general conveniences. He appreciated his team, the communities, NGOs, Bayelsa State Government and Chevron Nigeria Limited for showing strong commitments to the success of the GMoU and rapid development of the communities.

Dodo River RDA Inaugurates 25 New Members



Group photograph of participants at the Dodo River CRDA inauguration ceremony held at the RDA's Secretariat, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.

25 new members of Dodo River Communities Rural Development Association were inaugurated on August 24, 2020 at the RDA Secretariat, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State. The event which was the second inauguration since inception of Dodo River CRDA, had guests from the Bayelsa State Government, communities and Participatory, Partnerships for Community Development (PPCD).

In his remarks, the Bayelsa State Commissioner for Mineral Resources, Dr. Jones Ibiere implored the newly inaugurated members to prioritize community interests above personal interests, justify the confidence reposed on them by their communities by running a transparent and accountable administration. He appreciated Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) for the participatory approach to community development and emphasized that funds for projects should be judiciously utilized.



Douglas Adeola, Senior Programme Manager (NNF) Facilitating a Session at the Dodo River CRDA On-boarding training held at Ebis Hotel, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.

In his inaugural speech as the new Chairman of the RDA, Mr. Francis Amamogiran, commented that the GMoU model adopted by CNL has helped the communities to develop, provided answers to developmental issues, transparency, accountability, and lasting peace in the Niger Delta. He further commended CNL for the history made in the Niger Delta region with the introduction of the noble idea of the GMoU. He noted that what is more remarkable is the commitment of the officials of CNL to the implementation of the terms of the GMoU to the letter. He further appreciated the communities and pledged to work with the Dodo RDA team to attract all forms of development to the RDA communities.

The new members were Onboarded by PPCD on September 15-16, 2020 at Ebis Hotel Etegwé, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State. While the Committees' Onboarding was also conducted on September 17, 2020 at the same venue.

Interactive Forum: Itsekiri RDC and PPCD Engage Community Members

No fewer than 110 participants were at the Itsekiri Regional Development Committee's (IRDC) Secretariat, Warri, Delta

State for the 'Interactive Forum' between the IRDC executives and the communities' leaders which was organised by Participatory



Busola Babalola, PPCD Senior Programme Manager (Communication, Advocacy & Mobilisation) addressing the participants at the 'Interactive Forum' with communities' members from Ugborodo Oil field.

Partnerships for Community Development (PPCD) on September 22-24, 2020. The objectives of this activity were: To facilitate communication between Itsekiri RDC and communities, ensure effective working relationship between the Itsekiri RDC and the communities, increase Communities' members' understanding on the GMoU process, establish a proactive peace process between communities and Itsekiri RDC leaders and introduce the Communities members to the activities of PPCD.

The event, which was facilitated by PPCD, Itsekiri RDC Executives with support from Morgan Smart Development Foundation (MSDF) held with strict compliance to the NCDC guidelines and protocols on COVID-19.

Some of the issues discussed include: Understanding the GMoU, updates on activities/achievements of Itsekiri RDC since inception of the GMoU as well as challenges,



Community members from Olero and Omadino Oil fields Interact with Itsekiri RDC leadership.



Hon. Richard Omare speaking to the participants during the Interactive session with community members from Abiteye and Dibi Oil fields.

community issues such as: Sustainable livelihoods projects, microcredits, employment, contracts award, project implementation process, scholarship, women inclusion, etc. In attendance were: Community members, IRDC representatives, PPCD, MSDF, Gender Focal Persons (GFPs) and IRDC staff.

EGCDF Commissions Projects Worth Millions of Naira in Gbaramatu Kingdom



Chairman of EGCDF, Comr. Amb Jude Ebitimi Ukori Commissioning one of the projects-275KVA Generator at Igoba community, Gbaramatu Kingdom

The Egbema and Gbaramatu Communities Development Foundation (EGCDF) commissioned another round of projects on August 14, 2020 at Gbaramatu Kingdom in Warri South West Local Government Area of Delta State. The projects commissioned were: 275KVA Generator at Igoba community, Town hall at Makaraba community and a Ten-room Guest House at Kenyangbene Community.

In his address the EGCDF Chairman, Comr. Amb. Jude Ebitimi Ukori (JP) commended NNPC/Chevron Joint venture for the

commitment to developmental needs of EGCDF communities. He said although the event is low key because of the restriction on public gathering due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation deemed it necessary to hand over the duly completed projects to the benefiting communities. He announced that the projects cost the Foundation millions of Naira. He added that the commissioning and handover ceremony is very significant in order to bridge the gap of the developmental needs of the communities. He however charged the community leaders on the need to take responsibility for

the maintenance, functionality, and sustainability of the projects for maximum utilization and benefits to all.

Responding on behalf of the communities, the Chairmen and representatives of the various communities commended the EGCDF Chairman and the projects commissioning team and promised to ensure the sustainability of the projects. Present at the commissioning were: The leadership of EGCDF, the community members, LITE-Africa, and the media

Mr. Anthony Emegere Takes a Bow



Mr. Anthony Emegere

Our dear Mr. Anthony Emegere, popularly known variously as 'Mr. T' a thoroughbred Estate surveyor and Community Engagement professional has retired from Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL).

He was the PGPA Superintendent based in Warri and in charge of the company's Global Memorandum of Understanding (GMOU), Offshore Memorandum of Understanding (OMoU) and Non GMOU activities as at when he retired.

Emegere started his career with Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) in 1993 and retired after 27 years of meritorious service. Prior to this, he was a teacher at the prestigious Government College, Ughelli and was at the same time a practicing estate agent professional with Tony Gere Nigeria Company, Ughelli, Delta State.

He became a Fellow of the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (FNIVS) in 2013 and an Associate Member of Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators (AICMC) in 2003. He is happily married to Mrs. Susan Emegere and they are blessed with several children.

We will all miss working with Mr. T. for his sense of humour and professionalism. We wish him a happy retired life.

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