

## UN-REDD Programme – Civil Society Representative Nomination Form

Please limit response length to two pages. Nominations must be submitted to [csoselection@un-redd.org](mailto:csoselection@un-redd.org) by

Friday, 11 September 2009. Self-nominations are accepted.

1. Name of the candidate: OTU, UWEM ROBERT.

2. Name of organization or network: AFRICAN YOUTH MOVEMENT [AYM]

3. Title (if applicable): HON

4. Country: NIGERIA

6. Language(s) spoken: ENGLISH

7. Please describe the primary interests and functions of the organization and community/constituency that the candidate represents and what countries the organization is active in. [The AYM engages the services and talents of young Africans especially the vulnerable and marginalized ones in working to achieve a sustainable environment and the Millennium Development Goals. We seek to deliver timely interventions to: Ensure policies and services have a measurable, positive impact at the forest level; Deliver social benefits to all, particularly those at risk of being disenfranchised or marginalized; Achieve integrated forest resources management; Understanding the Hyogo Framework for Action; Enhance Civil society monitoring, research, analytical and advocacy capabilities and To increase dialogue and understanding between different groups on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction. We are active in Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, Senegal, The Gambia Cameroon and South Africa.]

8. Describe briefly the organization's experience gathering and representing the diverse viewpoints of a range of communities or organizations, and disseminating and coordinating information and communications among a network of communities or organizations. [Having been selected by UNEP's Global Youth Forum, we represented the Forum and discussed with the Heads of Government at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in South Africa in 2002. The feedback was widely publicized on our web site. We have been trained by UNDP's Regional Office in South Africa on monitoring poverty and indicators of the MDGs and we organized the first stakeholder summit on the MDGs in Nigeria in 2004. In 2005, we addressed the plenary session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Dpi/Ngo Summit at the UN headquarters, New York where we presented submissions of our e-group discussions on poverty timelines to the delegates. Currently, we are the country representative of the Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Risk Reduction, a platform where we manage a large network of stakeholders active in disaster risk reduction. The report of our survey on disaster risk reduction tailored towards the HFA2015 called Views from the Frontline was presented in June in Geneva during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction.]

9. Describe briefly your organization's background and experience with multilateral agency programs, social and environmental issues related to forests, and the role of forests in response to climate change, including REDD. [Starting 2001, we have attended and presented papers at the World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden.

In 2002, we were selected to attend UNEP's Global Youth Forum in Denmark where we were elected to represent the Forum at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa. Later that year we joined the youth caucus of the UNFCCC discussion forum. In 2003, we were selected as the country organizer of the Stockholm Junior Water Prize by the Stockholm International Water Institute. We are accredited as NGOs to the Global Environment Facility since 2003 and in 2006 we were granted Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Between 2004 and 2005, we have benefited from several aids and scholarship programmes of UNDP which culminated in our selection as a member of the Steering Committee of the Millennium Development Goals Task Force in Nigeria in 2004. The United Nations also sponsored our trip to New York on several partnership activities during the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual DPI/NGO Summit at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. We have been active members of the Forest Stewardship Council [FSC] since 2003 and belong to several other international groups such as the Global Water Partnership.]

10. Describe the financial, technical and/or advisory arrangements your organization has with the UN-REDD Programme, as well as the governments of the UN-REDD pilot countries, NGOs, or private sector organizations as they pertain to the UN-REDD process. [We have received funding starting 2008 for the Disaster Risk Reduction Survey called Views from the Frontline from the Global Network of Organisations for Disaster Risk Reduction which is funded directly by UN/ISDR and several other United Nations agencies. Before now, we had funds from UNEP for the 2002 Global Youth Forum and represented the forum at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in South Africa in 2002. We have worked with UNDP on the Millennium Development Goals Project in Nigeria since 2004.

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