

UN-REDD Programme – Civil Society Representative Nomination Form

1. **Name of the candidate:** Murtala Adogi Mohammed
2. **Name of organization or network:** Centre for Education and Leadership Development
3. **Title:** Mr
4. **Country:** Nigeria
5. **Language(s) spoken:** English and Hausa

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.

Centre for Education and Leadership Development (CELDEV) is a non governmental, non political organization.

Is focused on advocating, promoting and sustaining development activities as it affect individual and communities in Nigeria. CELDEV is registered/incorporated with Corporate Affair Commission RC: 24258 and commenced operation fully in 2005, and focused its activities in the following thematic areas:

- Basic Grassroots Educational Development
- Environmental Climate Education
- Rural Governance and Participatory democracy .

Sustaining Environmental Education and Development is the primary interest of the organisation; therefore we perform our function through research, publication and creating awareness towards conserving and managing natural resources in a sustainable ways. The organisation is based in Nigeria, but the Lead Coordinator (me) belongs to many networks of CSOs across Africa, Such as African Greens Movement, and Creating Local Connection West Africa (CLCWA).

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

Even though our organisation work with CBOs in northern Nigeria, but I involve in disseminating of information to members of the networks I belong such as Federation of Nigerian Youth Greens, (I am the National Coordinator), African Greens Movement (I am a member) and Climate Action Network (I am a member). So I do share information with a lot of CSOs across Africa, most especially those working on climate change. One of my publication; Roles of CSOs in addressing the challenge of climate change, can be found at www.murtalaadogi.blogspot.com most of the CSOs across West Africa used the publication as a guide.

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.

Our organisation has been involved in the area of research and publications in the area of climate change and desertification. The recent publication is the one that was supported by Henrich Boell Foundation Nigeria, and you can access the publication through this link, title; Climate change and Northern Nigeria. <http://www.boellnigeria.org/documentsandotherresources.html> Presently we are conducting a baseline survey in Savannah region of Nigeria on how to develop an incentive schemes that reduce the local people dependence on fuelwood as a main source of energy and this is in line with fighting deforestation and forest degradation

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.

The advisory arrangement our organisation have is to keep on emphasising the need for financial commitment and political will from the side of the government and other stakeholders because deforestation and forest degradation is the cause of around 18% of greenhouse gas emission responsible for global warming.

Also I will recommend the following to the UN-REDD process;

- Identifying the key drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries
- Countries should nationally develop National REDD Strategies as a working document
- Establish a National REDD Trust fund
- Developing an integrative and collaborative approach in REDD, bearing in mind the roles of local people
- To have a National baseline studies and method for estimating deforestation, carbon sequestration and emission.