

## **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:** Justice Odoiquaye Odoi

**2. Name of organization or network:** Nature Today Group, Ghana

**3. Title (if applicable):** Mr.

**4. Country:** Ghana

**5. Language(s) spoken:** English

**6. 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.**

Nature Today is a non-profit organization based in Ghana implementing conservation and social initiatives to promote public awareness in the management, utilization and development of the environment and natural resources through research and education. The organization constitutes of researchers, students, individuals and community groups interested in the conservation of environmental resources. Nature Today is undertaking projects and research in the area of forestry, biodiversity and climate change related issues. The organization is collaborating with other NGOs, community based organization and civil society groups in Africa to ensure sustainable use of natural resources and influencing policies.

**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.**

Nature Today has experience in community consultation at regional, national and community levels. Providing forum for discussion, exchange of ideas, opinions and information on matters on natural resources, climate change and community forestry. Nature Today is also a number of civil societies and NGOs networks for in Africa

**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.**

Nature Today has experience and participated in international debate on climate and registered with the Environmental Protection Organisation, Ghana, which serves as the Designated National Authority (DNA) for climate Change in Ghana. The organization is currently supporting a study on how community forestry in Ghana can serve useful for the adoption of payment for carbon services. As the president of Nature Today I have participated in a number of programmes organized by multilateral agencies such as the Food and Agriculture Organisation as well as international donor organizations such as gtz.

**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.**

Nature Today is participating in discussion and preparedness for the REDD in Ghana and member of the organization are currently Course on REDD provided by The Nature Conservancy, gtz, WWF, Conservation International, Rainforest Alliance, CCBA (Climate Community and Biodiversity Alliance). The organization is well informed about the objectives and activities of UN-REDD.