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**U.N. COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMME ON REDUCING EMISSIONS FROM
DEFORESTATION AND FOREST DEGRADATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

NATIONAL PROGRAMME DOCUMENT

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APPENDIX I

OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER VALIDATION OF

NIGERIA REDD+ READINESS PROGRAMME

(held during 2011-2012)

Statement of Cross River State's stakeholders forum on REDD+ (Calabar, February 2011)

Nigeria REDD+ Readiness Programme

CROSS RIVER STATE - Stakeholders' Forum on REDD+

Appraisal Workshop, Calabar, 18th February 2011

**STATEMENT OF CROSS RIVER STATE STAKEHOLDERS
ON NIGERIA'S REDD+ READINESS PROGRAMME**

Today, the 18th of February 2011, over 100 members of a wide range of stakeholders of Cross River State that are interested in the REDD+ process met in Calabar to discuss the design and submission of *Nigeria REDD+ Readiness Programme*. We belong to, and represent many different actors and facets of Cross River State's society, including forest communities, non-governmental & civil society organisations, state's government officials, technical specialists, project managers, media and opinion leaders. We constitute a heterogeneous assembly that is interested in REDD+. Since the UN-REDD Scoping Mission of October 2010 we are in the process of forming a new umbrella platform called Cross River State Stakeholders' Forum on REDD+, which we believe will play a central role in the REDD+ process as it evolves.

Our meeting was inaugurated by His Excellency the Governor of Cross River State, Senator Liyel Imoke, who openly restated his support for a REDD+ process and for our participatory engagement to guide and build it. We acknowledge the presence of a UN-REDD mission and the National REDD+ Coordinator.

We have examined the core elements of the draft programme document, both in public discussions and thematic working groups. First we are pleased to see that efforts for the REDD+ process has advanced in Nigeria. We consider REDD+ as a potential means to better protect our forests and strengthen the livelihoods of the people that depend on them. During the appraisal workshop we focused on the following topics: (a) programme's outcomes and outputs that concern Cross River State; (b) drivers of deforestation; (c) participation, consultation and stakeholder engagement; (d) forest monitoring systems; and (e) governance, social and environmental risks/safeguards.

We have provided a set of ideas and recommendations for the finalisation of the programme document. The main ones are as follows:

- i) forest communities should be properly engaged, receive training, and feel early and tangible actions throughout the programme's implementation;
- ii) there is need for REDD+ to have a broad approach that goes beyond forest conservation to address questions of land management, afforestation & reforestation, ecosystem restoration, sustainable agriculture and community-based livelihoods;
- iii) there is need for capacity building on forest monitoring systems; *and*
- iv) the programme should include provisions to assess issues of land tenure, carbon rights, fair benefit-sharing mechanisms, and community conflict, providing guidance on how to address them in the context of REDD+.

We have also provided several specific suggestions and amendments to refine the document.

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We look forward to the implementation of the REDD+ readiness programme, while highlighting the need to pay attention to issues of consultation, forest governance, community rights, enhancement of sustainable livelihoods, and gender equality.

We are delighted to know that the programme envisions Cross River State to become a centre of excellence for REDD+ in Nigeria, producing best practices and models on REDD+ that can serve other states as they engage in REDD+. We are eager to share our experiences with REDD+ with other states and abroad, as the opportunity emerges.

Taking into consideration the recommendations and remarks mentioned above, we are satisfied with the design of the programme and its operational approach. We support its submission to the UN-REDD Policy Board, hoping the programme will soon be approved and start implementation. We need this programme to expand capacity building, public awareness, training, forest conservation and local initiatives so that REDD+ is well understood and can be adequately built in our State and across Nigeria.

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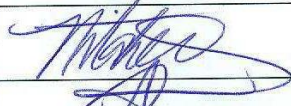

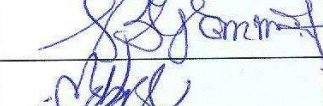

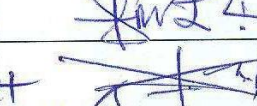


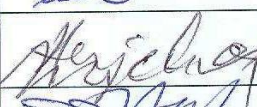
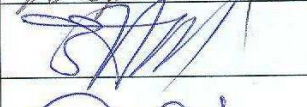
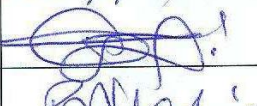
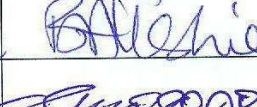
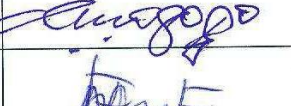


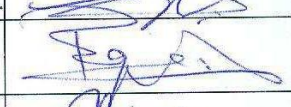
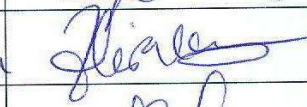



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CONCLUDING NOTES ON NIGERIA REDD+ LPAC AND TECHNICAL REVIEW MEETINGS

Abuja, 8th August 2012

The Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC) and Technical Review meetings on Nigeria's REDD+ National Project Document were held back to back on Wednesday 8th August 2012 in Abuja as part of the preparatory processes for kick starting the project implementation.

The LPAC segment was attended by the following:

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| 1. | Ade Manonyane Lekoetje - | UNDP Country Director |
| 2. | Salisu Dahiru - | National Coordinator REDD+ |
| 3. | Odigha Odigha - | Chairman CRS Forestry Commission |
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| 5. | Muyiwa Odele - | UNDP |
| 6. | Mr. Adedoyin, O. S. - | Department of Forestry, FME |
| 7. | Mr. T. F. Fameso - | Federal Department of Forestry |
| 8. | Mr. Ebonine O. Raymond - | REDD + Unit |
| 9. | Chika Chikwendu - | Friends of the Environment (NGO) |
| 10. | Priscilla Achakpa - | Women Environmental Programme |
| 11. | Yerima Peter Tarfa - | Department of Climate Change, FME |

On the other hand, the Technical Review segment was attended by 26 stakeholders, ten of which had participated at the LPAC. They comprised CSO/NGOs across the country, private sector representative, Government Officials and Media. (Please see attached scanned copy of attendance.)

Both the LPAC and the Technical Review focused on, among other issues:

- a. Objectives, Outputs and Activities
- b. Log frame indicators
- c. Management Arrangements
- d. Specific endorsement of the project's budget
- e. Specific endorsement of the proposed project management and Institutional structure
- f. Endorsement of the TOR for key project staff.

Having examined the above during the LPAC and the Technical Review, participants unanimously agreed that they were satisfied with the document particularly in its design, objectives/outputs/activities, log-frame indicators and institutional arrangements. In order to enhance operationalization of the National Programme Document, participants recommended as follows:

- i. Provisions should be made for inclusion of research, especially in areas of forest modeling and equations;

- ii. Linkage with States should be more explicit to avoid leakage;
- iii. Strong functional linkage with the Department of Forestry should be emphasized throughout the REDD+ process for continuous technical support and guidance;
- iv. To this effect, Community Forest Management Working Group should be one of the technical working groups to be established (at Federal & CRS levels) to facilitate implementation of the project, with leadership domiciled in the Department of Forestry;
- v. Priority consideration should be given to National Forest Resources, including Biodiversity Assessment, to provide basic infrastructure and framework for MRV and national reporting;
- vi. Awareness creation, advocacy and the roles of CSOs/Media should be stepped up as early REDD+ actions.

In conclusion, participants unanimously endorsed the document for onward transmission to UNREDD Secretariat and subsequent signatures.