

June, 2015

Number 1



Inside this issue:

About the SDSN Global
Prof. Ikenna Onyido, Director 1

The SDSN-Nigeria
Prof. Labode Popoola, Co-Director 1

Network Updates:
What is Required of the Universities 2

SDSN-Nigeria Capacity Building Workshops 3

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 3

SDSN Global Event 4

SDSN-Nigeria Member Universities 4

Sustainable Development Desk Officers 4

About the SDSN Global

With activities around the MDGs about to end in 2015, attention is beginning to focus on the post-2015 Global Sustainable Development Agenda, including mechanisms and structures for effective execution of such agenda. The UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon has announced the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), to mobilize leaders from the academia, business, civil society, and other development organizations to promote problem-solving and practical solutions for pressing challenges of sustainable development. This network is lead by Professor Jeffrey Sachs, eminent Columbia University economist and Special Adviser on Sustainable Development to the UN Secretary-General.

For more information, visit:
<http://unsdsn.org>

SDSN-Nigeria

Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Nigeria (SDSN-Nigeria) is a national chapter of UN SDSN. The Network was launched as a consortium of Nigerian Universities in Abuja on 7 May, 2013. Being the major source and custodians of science, knowledge and innovation, the Network provides the much needed, indispensable scientific



Official Logo of SDSN-Nigeria

backbone for articulating the development agenda at the local, state, national and regional levels.

The Network mission and vision central on diagnosing and leading interventions in the sustainable development challenges facing the local, state and national communities; providing evidence based solutions in the area of climate change, agriculture, health, energy and power supply, inclusive governance and equality among all, social wellbeing, urban environment among others; and promote the advancement, domestication and awareness on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

For more information, visit:
<http://nsdsn.org.ng>

SDSN-Nigeria Newsletter is an information product of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Nigeria. It is published to every quarter of the year to disseminate information on events, activities and projects of the Network to members of the public that have interest in the global development agenda, especial the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN).

Contacts

SDSN-Nigeria Secretariat

C/o 20, Awolowo Avenue, Old Bodija Estate, Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria

www.nsdnsn.org.ng

Facebook Page:

Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Nigeria

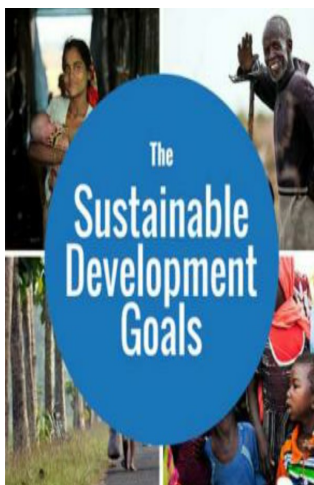
Twitter: @SDSNNIGERIA

E-mail: Nigeria.sdsn@gmail.com

Director: ikennaonyido@yahoo.com

Co-Director: labopopoola@yahoo.com

Program Officer: ope.alphacee@gmail.com



The Network was launched as a consortium of Nigerian Universities in Abuja on 7 May, 2013. Being the major source and custodians of science, knowledge and innovation.

Network Updates

What is required of the Universities?

The launch of SDSN-Nigeria agreed that Universities as a Consortium will be required, among other things, to:

1-Commit to the installation of structures and mechanisms to undertake research in sustainability and sustainable development issues, which will enrich their capacity to deal with issues of sustainable development

2-Review existing research results from work already done in relevant areas, with a view to optimizing and packaging them for applications as solutions to identified sustainable development challenges

3-Engage with their local communities and their prob-

lems through their staff and students in their teaching, learning and research;

4-Steer their training programmes in relevant discipline to incorporate students involvement in identifying and solving local problems through their practical year work and internships

5-Over time, incorporate their experiences from sustainability research and sustainable development work into their curriculum and teaching materials;

6-Collaborate and cooperate with like-minded institutions and organizations in sustainable development research and practice in their zones, nationally

and internationally for synergy and complementarities, and

7-Promote sustainability as a way of life in all spheres of activities within the university, in infrastructural and physical development, care of the environment, and promotion of individual and collective behavior consistent with concern for the future of the planet.

For more information, visit:

<http://nsdsn.org.ng>

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) follow, and expand on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

An Account of SDSN-Nigeria Launch in Abuja

Nigerian chapter of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) was launched on Tuesday, 7 May, 2013 at the Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja. The event was declared open by the chairman, Professor A. B. O. O. Oyediran, MD (Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Ibadan). The event held as to bring together all Federal Universities in Nigeria under one umbrella committed to working with all relevant stakeholders to pursue the sustainable development agenda in Nigeria. The UN SDSN through its leadership council supported the inauguration and her functions to drive the Post-2015 global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

One hundred and eight (108) persons from the Federal Universities, National Assembly, International Organizations, the Media and Research Institutes were in attendance. The President of Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr Goodluck Jonathan, was represented by the Supervising Minister of Education, Chief Nyesom Wike. The President's address reviewed the extent to which government had



gone in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director of the UN SDSN and Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), delivered a key note address, which provided a pictorial illustration of sustainable development challenges in Nigeria and all over the world to demonstrate the magnitude and complexity of sustainable development challenges. He outlined the main features of sustainable development to include: economic development, social inclusiveness, environmental sustainability and good governance. He concluded by explaining the reasons behind the choice of universities to drive the SDSN and to train the next generation of sustainable development leaders.



Developed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in 2015/2016. For a full list of goals, visit www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/

SDSN-Nigeria Capacity Building Workshops

SDSN-Nigeria since inception has held three (3) important capacity building workshops on different themes on Sustainable Development Agenda for its members and interested persons from all walks of life. The Network has also collaborated with the University of Ibadan, Centre for Sustainable Development (CESDEV) and the African Sustainable Development Network (ASUDNET) with the support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN-SDSN) in organizing the Ibadan Sustainable Development Summit (ISDS). These events are:

1– National Workshop on the Niger-Delta Development Project and Solutions Initiative. This was hosted by University of Port Harcourt, Rivers State, from 11-13 July, 2013.

2– National Workshop on Strengthening the Capacity of Nigeria Universities for the Post-2015 Development Agenda. This was hosted by University of Ilorin, Kwara State, from 30 March-3 April, 2014

3– The Fifth Annual Ibadan Sustainable Development Summit on Sustainable Development in Pre-colonial, Colonial and Post-colonial Africa: Issues and Contexts. This was hosted by Centre for Sustainable Development, University of Ibadan (CESDEV), Oyo State, from 25—29 August, 2014.

4- National Workshop on Sustainability of Nigeria Environment for Sustainable Development. This was hosted by Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Imo State, from 26-28 May, 2015.

5– Sixth Annual Ibadan Sustainable Development Summit on the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda: Whither Africa?. This was hosted by Centre for Sustainable Development, University of Ibadan (CESDEV), Oyo State, from 23-28 August, 2015.

The 17 SDGs

The Sustainable Development Goals are a universal set goals, targets and indicators that the United Nations members will use to frame their policies over the next 15 years, up till 2030. These will become globally applicable development agenda beginning in January 2016.

The SDGs follow, and expand on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which were focusing only on developing countries, and are due to expire at the end of this year. The goals are:

Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture

Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all

Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all

Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries

Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

SDSN-Nigeria Member Universities

University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State

University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Benue State

University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu State

University of Port Hartcourt, Rivers State

University of Calabar, Cross River State

Federal University of Technology, Akure, Ondo State

Federal University of Technology, Minna, Niger State

Federal University Gashua, Yobe State

Federal University Otuoke, Bayelsa State

Federal University of Kashere, Gombe State

Federal University Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State

Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, Sokoto State

Bayero University, Kano, Kano State

Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State

Federal University, Ndufu-Alike, Ebonyi State

Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra State

Modibbo Adamawa University of Technology, Yola, Adamawa State

University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Kwara State

Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Ogun, State

University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos State

Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Abia State

Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State

University of Uyo, Akwa-Ibom State

University of Jos, Plateau State

SDSN-Nigeria Sustainable Development Desk Officers

The SDDOs are academia representing each member universities. Their assembly constitute SDSN-Nigeria Board Members. This organ meet from time to time to deliberate on general course of the Network and take decisions on Solutions Initiative and Projects with respect to SDGs and SDSN. Members include:

Professor Ikenna Onyido

Professor Labode Popoola

Professor Chidi Ibe

Professor Grace Offorma

Professor N. I. Odiaka

Professor O. Akaranta

Professor Roseline F. Uyanga

Professor J. Egbor Odey

Professor T. U. Nwabueze

Professor A. Uba

Professor P. A. O. Okoye

Professor M. Munkaila

Dr. Lanre Olaniyan

Dr. O. D. Akinyemi

Dr. A. U. Raheem

Dr. O. N. Omaka

Dr. O. O. Fasoranti

Dr. Steve Onyeagocha

Dr. C. I. Nwoye

MR. S. O. Adebisi

Director/ Chairman

Co-Director

Obsever

SDDO, UNN

SDDO, Makurdi

SDDO, UNIPORT

SDDO, UNIUYO

SDDO, LAFIA

SDDO, MOUA

SDDO, ATBU

SDDO, UNIZIK

SDDO, UNIMAID

SDDO, UI

SDDO, FUMAAB

SDDO, UNILORIN

SDDO, FUNAI

SDDO, FUOYE

SDDO, FUTO

SDDO, UNIZIK

Programme Officer