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SDSN–Nigeria Co-Director on SDGs, Policy Makers and the Academia

On 20 December 2015, the National House of Representatives, Nigeria held a retreat for committee members on the SDGs. The SDSN-Nigeria Co-Director, Professor Labo Popoola was at the event and made presentation on Bridging the Gap between Policy and Research: How the Academia Can Support the Implementation of the SDGs in Nigeria. The summary pointed out that the Governments need a synergy that will demand evidence based inputs from academic researches and technology based investigations to form people oriented policies for inclusive and good governance. More so, Government owns our institutions, fund them (no matter how low), so they should challenge institutions, and demand results from them. An SDGs national commission or committee can be instituted comprising government arms (Executive and NASS) and SDSN national members to form a platform that will link all stakeholders and inspire the Government to work priorities on:

- ✦ Leadership and Inclusive Economic Policies
- ✦ Conflict Resolution, Peace-building and Security
- ✦ Healthcare, Clean Environment and Well-being
- ✦ Agriculture, Business, Trade, Tourism and Infra structures
- ✦ Education, Equality and Human Capital Development
- ✦ Partnerships for Sustainable Development

The full document is available on the Network website

(www.nsdns.org.ng/download).

SDSN Launched a New Guide for the SDGs Implementation

The SDSN global network launched a new online resource and a booklet ‘Getting Started with the SDGs’, this guide aims to help stakeholders, including national and local governments, businesses, academia and civil society, understand the 2030 Agenda, start an inclusive dialogue on SDG implementation, and prepare SDG-based national development strategies. The



guide is available in Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese and Spanish with additional languages to follow.

For more information, visit: <https://sdg.guide/why-a-guide-for-getting-started-ccda0d670cd2#.i61jsmv12>

Network Updates

Paris Agreement on Climate Change and Roles of SDSN

At the recent Paris climate conference, 195 countries reached a landmark agreement to commit to urgent climate action. A global commitment to avert the 2^o C rise in world temperature led to a solution initiative on Low-Carbon Pathways. The Deep Decarbonization Pathways Project (DDPP) became a global collaboration of energy research teams charting practical pathways to deeply reducing greenhouse gas emissions in their own countries. The DDPP framework has been developed and utilized by a consortium led by The Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI) and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). It currently consists of scientific research teams from leading research institutions in sixteen of the world's largest greenhouse gas emitting countries.

The initial results of this collaboration are reflected in reports on deep decarbonization pathways for Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan Mexico, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, United Kingdom and United States.

The COP21 [final agreement](#) aims to keep global warming within 2°C, with an ideal target of 1.5°C, and lays out for the first time a framework for getting there. The agreement translates DDPP into a central tool for national and international climate policy.

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



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

The SDSN-Nigeria 2016 Programmes in view

This year, 2016 the SDSN-Nigeria is expanding its membership to all Federal and State universities, Federal and State Polytechnics, Federal and State Colleges of Education; Research institutions, Multilateral organisations, NGOs/CBOs with relevant projects in sustainable development, Corporate organisations and companies; Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies as well as Individuals with professional practice in relevant fields.

The membership extension will support the drive for solutions initiative towards resolving challenges of sustainable development at local, state, regional, national and global levels, facilitate partnership and collaboration on effective and wider coverage and implementation of the SDGs for all without leaving anyone behind and strengthen the Network's structural framework and capacity on nationwide policy advocacy programmes.

Rededicate commitment towards full implementation of the Solutions Initiative Projects (SIP), developed, viz:

- Niger-Delta Development Pathways proposal
- Waste Management Proposal for communities in the South East, and
- Resettlement and Rehabilitation project proposal for mitigation to security challenges in the North East.

This will be through collaboration with the governments and other stakeholders to implement the action plans and strategies.

Massive multimedia awareness and education on SDGs and SDSN activities are on the course as the Network began collaborations and partnerships with media organisations and movie industry in Nigeria. At present, the Splash FM 105.5 private radio station in Ibadan, Oyo has offered a partnership and a live programme on public awareness and SDGs advocacy.

Programmes on sensitization and seminars to the build capacity of professionals in government institutions, ministries, departments and employers in the development organisations and leaders in religion clime is right on the schedule of action plan.

Seventh Annual Ibadan Sustainable Development (ISDS), 2016 will hold in August (21st– Arrival and 26th– Departure), and the theme is: Making the SDGs Work for People in Africa. The sub-theme will focus on issues related to: Health, Water and Sanitation; Education; Political System and Governance; Peace and Security; Science and Technology; Food, Fuel and Fibre; Poverty and Inequality; Climate Change and Green Economy.

Institutionalise the SDSN-Nigeria through organization of Network Working and Research Groups sub-team on related goals; organize local/regional leadership for the WRGs and institutions/Communities and selection of panel to work on logistical arrangements

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



University of Ibadan
Centre for Sustainable Development (CESDEV)
in Collaborations with the
African Sustainable Development Network (ASUDNET)
and
Sustainable Development Solutions Network – Nigeria (SDSN-Nigeria)
Announces the

7th Annual Ibadan Sustainable Development Summit (ISDS, 2016)
21 – 26 August 2016

Call for Papers

Keynote Speakers
Amina J. Mohammed Honourable Minister of Environment
Federal Republic of Nigeria
Walter J. V. Vermeulen President, International Sustainable
Development Research Society

**Theme: Making the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
Work for People in Africa**
Date: 21 – 26 August 2016 (21st- Arrival and 26th- Departure)
Venue: •Opening Ceremony: Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan.
•Technical Sessions: University of Ibadan Centre for Sustainable Development,
20 Awolowo Avenue, Old Bodija, Ibadan, Nigeria

UI CESDEV Gets a New Director

In January, 2016 Professor Lanre Olaniyan was appointed as the Director of the University of Ibadan Centre for Sustainable Development (UI CESDEV) after the pioneer Director of the Centre, Professor Labo Popoola had served for six years. The new Director was former Deputy Co-ordinator of the Masters in Development Practice (MDP) at the Centre. He has also worked in the system on various development projects, including being a facilitator and coordinator of students' local tours and global excursions.

For more information, visit:
<http://cedev.ui.edu.ng>



SDSNedu Launched New Courses

The SDSN has since inception of its activities launched SDSNedu as an initiative and independent non-profit organization set up to support the work of the Network. SDSNedu aims to provide high-quality, massive open online education in collaboration with the member institutions and partners of the SDSN. SDSNedu brings together the world's foremost experts on sustainable development – including health, education, climate change, agriculture and food systems, sustainable investment, and other related fields – to offer a comprehensive core curriculum, equipping the next generation of “Sustainable Development Practitioners” to take on the complex challenges facing our planet. The platform has the following courses:

- 1) The Age of Sustainable Development
- 2) Planetary Boundaries and Human Opportunities
- 3) Climate Change Science and Negotiations
- 4) Global Public Health and Sustainable Development
- 5) Natural Resources for Sustainable Development (New)
- 6) Transforming the World: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (New)
- 7) Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home (New)

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



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Global Events, 2016

21 January, New York- **SDSN / UNF Roundtable on Getting Started with the SDGs, with Ambassadors to the UN**

Lead: SDSN

25-27 January, Monrovia- **Launch of SDGs in Liberia. Partnership between Government of Liberia and SDSN**

Lead: SDSN

20-23 January, Davos-Klosters, Switzerland- **World Economic Forum.**

Lead: WEF, EOSG, others

23-31 January, Addis Ababa- **AU Summit**

Lead: AU

February, TBD, Kinshasha/ Brazzaville- **SDGs for the DRC/Congo-Brazzaville**

SDSN Great Lakes

1-2 February- **Youth Taking Action to Implement the 2030 Agenda – ECOSOC Youth Forum**

Lead: ECOSOC

3 February, New York- **Launch of the World Youth Report**

Lead: DESA

20 March, Worldwide- **International Day of Happiness and launch of World Happiness Report**

Lead: SDSN

23-24 March, Fiji- **Stakeholder Workshop: SDGs for the Pacific Region**

Lead: SDSN Australia Pacific- John Thwaites

24 March, Kigali- **SDGs Solutions Conference**

Lead: SDSN Great Lakes

3 March- **World Wildlife Day**

Worldwide

8-11 March, New York- **47th Session of the Statistical Commission (to agree on SDG indicators)**

Lead: DESA

TBC April, Dakar or Bamako- **SDGs for the Sahel region**

Lead: SDSN Sahel