

THEME:

GREEN ECONOMY ROADMAP:

Policymaking as Catalyst for Youth Employability.







REPORT OF THE

NIGERIA YOUTH STAKEHOLDERS CONVERSATION 0.1

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The first Nigeria Youth Stakeholders Conversation took place on the 11th August, the eve of 2023 United Nation International Youth Day in Nigeria at the Immaculate Hotels, Abuja. Organized by Nigeria Youth in Politics in collaboration with Arewa Youth Council, National Youth Council of Nigeria, National Association of Nigeria Student, We are United Nigeria Movement. The event got the support of JRB Solar Investment Limited, Nigeria Leading Solar manufacturer.

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Executive Summary:
The Nigeria Youth Stakeholders
Conversation 0.1 on Nigeria
Green Economy Roadmap;
Policymaking as catalyst for
youth employability was a
significant event aimed at
discussing and outlining a
comprehensive strategy for
transitioning Nigeria's economy
towards sustainability and
environmental friendliness and
businesses.

The summit brought together key young professionals' stakeholders from public and private sector, public policy experts and policymakers, civil society, and academia to deliberate on policies, initiatives, and actions necessary to drive the country's green economy transition agenda 2023-2053 (Nigeria Green Economy Sustainable Development Goal)

This report provides an overview of the panel discussions, paper presentation, outcomes, key resolutions and recommendations from the event which held on the 11th August, the eve of 2023 United Nation International Youth Day in Nigeria at the Immaculate Hotels, Abuja.



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RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

1. Establishment of;

GREEN ECONOMY TRANSITION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA (GETCON)

- GETCON to function under relevant agency as recommended by the Presidency.
- To be coordinated under the supervision of the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- iii. Ministry of Environment,
 Relevant agencies of
 government, professional
 & trade association, policy
 implementation expert to
 be inaugurated into the
 council
- iv. The council will set short, medium, long term strategic framework plan to achieve which is known as (Nigeria Green Economy Sustainable Development Goal 2023-2053)
- v. International
 development partners,
 multilateral partners such
 as UNDP, United Nation
 Environmental Program,
 World Bank, AFDB, IMF
 etc. are strategic partners
 in achieving the goal set
 by GETCON.
- vi. Coordinate and liaise with relevant bodies to ensure implementation and monitoring of the goal



Sen. Ned Nwoko, Senate Vice Chairman on Environment

2. Establishment of;

WASTE-TO-ENERGY RECYCLING PLANT INITIATIVES /POLICY

- i. As proposed by Sen. Ned Nwoko during his paper presentation at the event and adopted by all stakeholders, we thereby Support and recommend the creation of Waste-to-Energy policy formulation.
- ii. This policy formulation by the 10th assembly is eminent and the executive should support the initiative from the inception stages to presidential ascent and up to its implementation stages
- iii. In line with the Electricity
 Act of 2023, the Waste-toEnergy policy should be
 decentralized and
 established in the 109
 senatorial districts across
 the nation as suggested in
 this resolution.

iv.



PLENARY SESSION OVERVIEW

- The Executive and legislative should prioritize Green Policies and harmonize for smooth and successful transition of Nigeria green economy.
- 2. Nigeria should take full advantage of the report of the Trade policy and Planning Unit of the United Nations **Environment Programme** (UNEP). This report is a key component of the green economy and Trade Opportunities Project (GE -TOP). The report stated the types of opportunities arising from the transition namely trade in environmental goods and services, standards and certification, and the greening of global supply chains.

3.

KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT:

Setting the Agenda: The event aimed to establish a clear-cut agenda for integrating sustainability principles of transition from traditional economy to green economy into Nigeria's economic framework.

Policy Formulation: Participants sought to identify the missing gap in the Nigeria economy framework and to recommend policies formulation that would advance green economy agenda, through green technologies, renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, waste management, renewable transportation and in all facet of our public infrastructure.

Private Sector Engagement: The event aimed to foster collaboration between public and private sectors to drive investments in green businesses and technologies.

Capacity Building: Discussions focused on strategies to enhance human capital and technological capacity for the transition to a green economy, by harnessing the human capital potential for a shared prosperous future.

Key Discussions and Outcomes:

Policy Framework: Participants emphasized the need for a robust green policy framework that incentivizes sustainable practices across sectors of Nigeria economy. Resolution's includes Establishment of Green Economy Transition Council of Nigeria (GETCON), tax incentives policy for green investments, stricter environmental regulations, integration of sustainability green education in our institution curricula.

Renewable Energy: The event highlighted the potential of Nigeria's abundant renewable energy resources. Recommendations included setting ambitious targets for renewable energy adoption, simplifying regulatory procedures for renewable energy projects, and encouraging public-private partnerships in the sector. Recommendation on renewable energy by the Senate committee vice chairman on environment, Sen. Ned Nwoko is to set up Waste-to-Energy recycling plant

across the 109 senatorial districts in other for Nigeria to achieve the milestone of generating over 21,800 megawatts of electricity, to curb the generational power epilepsy in Nigeria.

Sustainable Agriculture: Discussions revolved around promoting organic farming, agroforestry, and efficient water management practices. The summit recommended research funding for climate-resilient crop varieties, farmer training programs, and support for sustainable value chains and continuous aid to farmer across the nation.

Circular Economy: Participants stressed the importance of transitioning from a linear economy to a circular economy model. This involves reducing waste, reusing materials, and promoting recycling. Recommendations included investment in recycling infrastructure, awareness campaigns, and extended producer responsibility programs.

Eco-Tourism and Biodiversity: The summit acknowledged Nigeria's diverse ecosystems and their potential for ecotourism. Suggestions included preserving biodiversity through protected areas, community-based conservation efforts, and promoting sustainable tourism practices. The president Afro-Caribbean Tourism Chamber of Commerce Hon. Adu Keny Quadri noted that Nigeria tourism potential is yet untapped and adequate attention and investment needs to be giving to the sector in other to harness foreign direct investment and job

opportunities potentials in tourism.

Key Resolution from discussion:

- 1. Develop and implement a comprehensive green economy policy transition framework that targets multiple sectors and provides clear guidelines for sustainable green policy for Nigeria greener future.
- Establish a dedicated fund for green innovation and technology research, providing financial support to businesses and projects that align with green economy transition objectives.
- 3. Strengthen public-private partnerships and collaborate with various existing platforms for green and circular economy promotion, and knowledge sharing in the green economy sector risk by creating enabling environment for greener future.
- 4. Enhance green education and awareness campaigns to promote sustainable practices among citizens, businesses, and communities.



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- 5. Prioritize investment in renewable energy infrastructure by leveraging on the Electricity Act 2023 and promote Foreign Direct Investment and encourage power purchase agreement, with an emphasis on decentralized energy solutions to ensure wider access and come up with framework that protect foreign investors that want to invest in the energy generation sector in the country.
- 6. Support research and development in climate-resilient agriculture, emphasizing partnerships between research institutions and farmers.
- 7. Implement policies and incentives to promote the circular economy, encouraging the reduction, reuse, and recycling of materials.
- 8. Integrate environmental considerations into urban planning and development to create sustainable and livable cities.

Enabling Conditions For A Green Economy:

To make the transition to a green economy successful, specific enabling conditions will be required. These enabling conditions consist of national regulations, prioritize green policies, subsidies and incentives for investors and local businesses, as well as international market and legal infrastructure, trade and technical assistance. Currently, developed nations have created enabling environment towards, discouraging, the prevailing brown economy, which depends excessively on fossil fuels, resource depletion and environmental degradation.

Developing nation like Nigeria can accelerate and Fastrack its development by aligning with the global standard of green economy transition approach by creating its own experience of enabling green businesses to thrive using the right policy framework.





Conclusion:

The Conversation on Nigeria Green Economy Roadmap by youth stakeholders, policymaking expert and lawmakers marked a pivotal moment in the country's efforts to shift towards a more sustainable and environmentally conscious green economy.

Green economy must be seen as a strategy to pursue economic development. Therefore, adopting some green growth policies are the way out for Nigeria to achieve sustainable future for the Nations shared prosperity.

Recommendations put forth during the conversation provide a step towards conceptualizing the roadmap for green economy transition for policymakers, businesses, and civil society collaboration towards a greener, more resilient future for Nigeria.

The success of this transition depends on the commitment and will power of the federal government of Nigeria, the national assembly and other stakeholders to actualize and implement the proposed strategies and drive positive change across various sectors of the economy.







HIGHLIGHTS

ESTABLISHMENT OF

- 1. Green Economy Transition Council of Nigeria
- 2. Waste-to-Energy Recycling Plant Initiatives
- 3. Green Policies as catalyst to future growth
- 4. Partnership and Actions with Stakeholders required











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