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OF

YOUTHS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY CENTRE (YEAC)

FACILITATORS OF

**PLATFORM FOR THE COORDINATION OF NIGER DELTA ARTISANAL REFINERS
FOR MODULAR REFINERIES**

PRESENTED TO THE

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

THROUGH:

1. **Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Niger Delta Affairs,**
2. **Presidential Amnesty Program Office**
3. **Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs**
4. **Ministry of Finance,**
5. **Ministry of Budget and National Planning,**
6. **Ministry of Petroleum Resources,**
7. **Department of Petroleum Resources**
8. **Ministry of Environment,**
9. **Ministry of Science and Technology,**
10. **Petroleum Technology Development Fund,**
11. **National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency,**
12. **National Agency for Science and Engineering, Infrastructure,**
13. **Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative.**

AT THE

**NATIONAL SUMMIT ON THE INTEGRATION OF ARTISANAL/MODULAR
PETROLEUM REFINERIES OPERATION IN NIGERIA**

HELD AT SHERATON HOTEL, ABUJA-FCT

ON

TUESDAY, MARCH 16 AND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021

INTRODUCTION

This document contained our presentation and submission to the National Summit on the integration of Artisanal/Modular Petroleum Refineries Operation in Nigeria organized by the Federal Government on Tuesday, March 16 and Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at Sheraton Hotel, Abuja-FCT. It begins with a brief introduction and profile information about **Youths and Environmental Advocacy Centre (YEAC)** as an organization and continues with our goodwill message to the summit. Other parts of the document contained brief information about the works that we do with Niger Delta Artisanal Refiners on Artisanal Refining, registration and database creation of artisanal refiners for Modular Refineries, call for the establishment of a Presidential Artisanal Crude Oil Refining Development Initiative (PACORDI) and general coordination through “Platform for the Coordination of Niger Delta Artisanal Refiners for Modular Refinery” that we have been facilitating since 2017. It also contained some certificates and documents that buttresses the works that we do as well as a brief profile of the Niger Delta Facilitator of Artisanal Refiners for Modular Refinery and Executive Director of Advocacy Centre as well as brief introduction of those representing at the summit.

This report is meant to also give the Federal Government of Nigeria through the Ministries, Departments, Agencies and Parastatals organizing the National Summit on Artisanal/Modular Petroleum Refineries a status report on efforts and progress that we have made with Niger Delta artisanal refiners on modular refineries to address the problems associated with it. Thus, this document offers policy advice and guide on the subject matter as we collaborate and partner together to address this problem, save our environment, stop pipeline vandalism, oil theft, and loss of revenue to government, loss of fishermen and farmers’ livelihoods and losses to the oil majors whose facilities are vandalized.

ABOUT

YOUTHS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY CENTRE (YEAC)

Established in 2017, **Youths and Environmental Advocacy Centre** (simply called **YEAC** or **ADVOCACY CENTRE**) is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) and Not-for-Profit Organization (NPO) incorporated in Nigeria by Corporate Affairs Commission with Registration number CAC/IT/N0.102679. Advocacy Centre carries out activities on different thematic areas including environment, livelihoods and indigenous rights; climate action and renewable energy; human rights and peace-building; research, sensitization and empowerment; anti-corruption and good governance. YEAC uses a gender and human right-based approaches to ensure that its activities empower people and leave no one behind. Advocacy Centre works in collaboration with individuals, media organisations, government agencies, local and international development partners and institutions to strengthen community-based advocacy in the Niger Delta through multi-stakeholders’ engagement with media and legislative activism for development. YEAC is a member of Nigeria Network of Nongovernmental Organizations (NNNGO); Member of “Action Group on Free Civic Space in Nigeria” and mobilizers of “*One Million Youth Volunteers Network of Human Rights Defenders and Promoters in the Niger Delta*” that monitor and report human rights violations and abuses across the nine States in the Niger Delta and coordinates artisanal refiners for Modular Refineries.

A GOODWILL MESSAGE PRESENTED BY FYNEFACE DUMNAMENE FYNEFACE, NIGER DELTA COORDINATOR OF ARTISANAL REFINERS FOR MODULAR REFINERIES AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, YOUTHS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY CENTRE (YEAC) AT THE NATIONAL SUMMIT ON THE INTEGRATION OF ARTISANAL/MODULAR PETROLEUM REFINERIES OPERATION IN NIGERIA ORGANIZED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 16TH AND WEDNESDAY 17TH 2021 AT SHERATON HOTEL, ABUJA-FCT.

All protocols duly observed

We thank the Federal Government for organizing this very important summit to address issues associated with artisanal refineries in Nigeria and inviting us to be part of it. We particularly thank President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR for initiating this process through Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo who made the pronouncement on Modular Refineries in 2017 during his tour of some States in the Niger Delta. Since that pronouncement, we have been sensitizing and training artisanal refiners across the Niger Delta on “**Guidelines for the establishment of Modular Refineries**” and other alternative means of livelihoods. On December 10, 2019, we foresightedly collaborated, flagged-off and commenced the registration and creation of database of Niger Delta artisanal refiners among other youths for the formation of Cooperative Societies for Modular Refineries. To achieve this, we circulated free Registration Forms with customized serial numbers and also signed contract with MTN, Airtel, 9Mobile and Glo through a Lagos-Based Short SMS Code company for a secured online database that enabled them text **YEAC Full name, sex, age, name of community, highest academic qualification, LGA and State of residence, etc. to 33811**. This registration process received a boost when President Muhammadu Buhari represented by Minister of State for Environment, Mrs. Sharon Ikeazor during the commissioning of NOSDRA Laboratory in Port Harcourt, Rivers State on January 10, 2020 called for the registration of artisanal refiners and formation of Cooperative Societies for Modular Refinery Licenses. As at today, both local and international partners are reaching out and discussing to invest when Government issues licenses.

We endorse all the objectives of this summit as published. We see this summit as a beacon of hope that can address issues around artisanal refining in Nigeria including associated pipeline vandalism, oil theft, environmental pollution and insecurity in the region if its outcome is legalized and implemented holistically.

Finally, we hereby request that the Modular Refinery Licenses especially the License to Establish (LTE) which is the most expensive of the three licenses should be subsidized by about 70% for artisanal refiners. Again, since most of the artisanal refiners that this summit is meant to benefit could not travel to Abuja, we request that after this National Summit, we should have regional summits organized in each of the oil producing states in the Niger Delta so that other artisanal refiners can participate and benefit from the knowledge to be shared. We also request for the establishment of Presidential Artisanal Crude Oil Refining Development Initiative (PACORDI) for the integration of artisanal crude oil refining into the national economy like the Presidential Artisanal Gold Mining Development Initiative (PAGMI) in parts of the North and Western Nigeria that earlier integrated illegal gold mining into the national economy.

We look forward to partnering more with the Federal Government to achieve the objectives of this summit for a prosperous, environmentally sustainable Niger Delta and Nigeria.

God Bless Niger Delta and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL SUMMIT ON INTEGRATION OF ARTISANAL/MODULAR PETROLEUM REFINERIES OPERATIONS IN NIGERIA AS PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE OF FEDERAL MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE RETRIEVED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021 ARE AS FOLLOWS

1. To provide a platform for key stakeholders in Government, Organized Private Sector and Development Partners for drafting of an acceptable template for operations of local artisanal/modular refining activities in Nigeria;
2. Environmental management in Artisanal and Modular Refining Industry
3. Exhibition of current technologies in modular refineries by local and international fabricators and research institutions.
4. Identify and document Nigerian potentials in the fabrication of components for modular refineries.
5. Provide employment opportunities for youths in Niger Delta region and Nigeria in general and to x-ray the post petroleum deregulation era and its challenges to the petroleum refining sector
6. Highlight the economic benefits of the sector, especially in strengthening the naira, conserving foreign exchange and lowering the petroleum products prices in the short and long-term.

BRIEF BACKGROUNDS TO OUR ADVOCACY ON ARTISANAL REFINERIES, ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, MODULAR REFINERIES AND PRESIDENTIAL ARTISANAL CRUDE OIL REFINING DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (PACORDI)

In 2017, the then Acting President Yemi Osinbajo during his tour of communities in the Niger Delta promised to establish Modular Refineries for youths involved in acts of crude oil theft and artisanal refining in the region. Following this presidential pronouncement at the time, the Bayelsa Business Roundtable in collaboration with ADVOCACY CENTRE and Modular Refinery Business Stakeholders Forum of Delta State started carrying out sensitization, holding the government to account for its pronouncement through the media and training the youths on guidelines for the establishment of Modular Refineries as alternative means of livelihood for environmental sustainability in the Niger Delta as ways of preparing them ahead of time for the Modular Refinery promised by Government. These trainings have taken place many times in Warri-Delta State, Yenagoa-Bayelsa and three times in Rivers State between 2017 and 2020. Also in 2017, Fyनेface Dumnamene Fyनेface was inaugurated as the *Regional Coordinator* of Platform for the Coordination of Niger Delta Ex-Artisanal Refiners by a team led by from office of the *Special Adviser to the President on Niger Delta and Coordinator of Presidential Amnesty Programme* at a programme held Rivers State with Youths and Environmental Advocacy Centre (YEAC) as the coordinating organization till date. More details about our works with artisanal refiners in the Niger Delta including videos are available on our website and also through this link <https://centreadvocacy.org/about-nderf/>. Our radio jingle on Modular Refineries and formation of Cooperative Societies can be listened to through this link <https://soundcloud.com/youths-and-environmental-advocacy-centre/yeac-modular-refinery-jingle>



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REGISTRATION FORM AND DATABASE CREATION FOR YOUTHS INVOLVED IN ACTS OF ARTISANAL CRUDE OIL REFINING IN THE NIGER DELTA FOR THE FORMATION OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY AND REQUEST FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MODULAR REFINERIES PURSUANCE TO PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE TO TRADITIONAL RULERS ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020 DURING THE COMMISSIONING OF NOSDRA LABORATORY IN PORT HARCOURT FOR THE CREATION OF DATABASE OF ARTISANAL REFINERS AND FORMATION OF COOPERATIVES FOR MODULAR REFINERY LICENSES. COORDINATED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE TRADITIONAL RULERS AND LEADERSHIPS OF THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES BY YOUTHS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY CENTRE (simply called YEAC or ADVOCACY CENTRE), THE COORDINATING ORGANIZATION OF REGIONAL PLATFORM FOR THE COORDINATION OF NIGER DELTA EX-ARTISANAL REFINERS THAT HAS BEEN CAMPAIGNING AND DEMANDING FOR MODULAR REFINERIES FOR ARTISANAL REFINERS AS ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF LIVELIHOODS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN THE NIGER DELTA REGION SINCE 2017. HEAD OFFICE: NO. 16 PEREMABIRI STREET, D/LINE, P. O. BOX, 13677 (G.P.O.), PORT-HARCOURT. TEL: 08184442989. WEBSITE: www.centreadvocacy.org; Email: info@centreadvocacy.org, centreadvocacy@gmail.com

INSTRUCTIONS: Attach one passport photograph and photocopy of your Voter's Card- or any other valid means of identification to this form. Before submitting it, also register on the online database. Use MTN, Glo or Airtel lines to text **YEAC Your Full name, Age, Sex, Highest Academic Qualification, Name of Your Community, LGA and State to 33811.**

Full Name:.....Title:.....

Date of Birth:.....Sex:..... Tel:.....

Marital Status:..... Name of Community:.....LGA:State:.....

Highest Academic Qualification:.....Year of Graduation:.....

Have you been involved in crude oil refining process? (Yes/No).....If "Yes", what is/was your role?

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What was your weekly income?.....Did you employ anybody? If Yes", how many?

Can you work peaceful and nonviolently with others in a Co-operative Society to establish, construct and operative a Modular Refinery? (Yes/No).....

I,.....Hereby declare that the Information I provided in this Form are true to the best of my knowledge and that I should be disqualified if it turns out to be false and that I will abide by the laws governing the Cooperative Society and operation of Modular Refineries in Nigeria

Signed:.....

Date:.....

RECOMMENDATION/ATTESTATION

I hereby attest, stamp/sign this Form agreeing that I know this person and that he/she is/was indeed involved in crude oil refining process which qualifies him/her to participate and benefit from the modular refinery initiative of the Federal Government of Nigeria to address issues around artisanal crude oil refining in the Niger Delta.

Name of Traditional Ruler:

Signature/Stamp.....

Date:.....

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SENSITIZATION AND TRAINING OF ARTISANAL REFINERS IN OGO NI AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES ON ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOODS TO DISABUSE THEIR MINDS FROM RE-POLLUTION DURING CLEAN-UP PROJECT

Brief Backgrounds: Advocacy Centre has been seriously engaging with artisanal crude oil refiners in the Ogoni area, Rivers State and other Niger Delta States since 2017. Our engagements with artisanal crude oil refiners is because their activities are contributing to environmental pollution in communities and destroying sources of livelihoods for fishermen and farmers. Thus, we engage them to stop artisanal refining that pollutes the environment and advocate for alternative means of livelihoods for the artisanal refiners.

In the Ogoni area, there is a group called “Ogoni Ex-Artisanal Refiners Forum” with over 2,000 members (including women who do the buying and selling of artisanally refined products). We have been sensitizing them, working with them and advocating for them not to return to artisanal refining so that their activities do not contribute to re-pollution as Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) is carrying out environmental clean-up in the area as recommended by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) Report on Ogoni 2011. We have also been coordinating, registering and creating a secured online database for the artisanal refiners to enable us group them into Cooperative Societies, register the Cooperative Society with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and advance the group to benefit from Modular Refinery Licenses proposed by the Federal Government as alternative means of livelihoods. Thus, this training and sensitization of artisanal refiners in Ogoni area and surrounding communities would include training on guidelines for the establishment of Modular Refineries.

ADVOCACY STRATEGY AROUND THE MODULAR REFINERY PROJECT

1. Mapping of communities and areas where the Modular Refinery is to be sited
2. Mapping of stakeholders in the communities and areas including artisanal refiners
3. One-on-one consultation with some key stakeholders, informing them about the project and plans to hold town hall meetings
4. Engagement and sensitization of stakeholders in town hall meetings in cluster communities in the areas
5. Radio jingles in both local language and English to sensitize artisanal refiners to stop and embrace Modular Refinery on the way in the area as henceforth, government will come serious after those still engaged in pipeline vandalism and artisanal refining.
6. Creation of communication and engagement links between the community people and Modular Refinery project through a nongovernmental organization
7. The advocacy organization serves as feedback mechanism between the project and the community and also serves as conflict mitigation mechanism, etc.

PRESS RELEASES WITH IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL SUMMIT

PRESS RELEASE /// 12-03-2021

NATIONAL SUMMIT ON THE INTEGRATION OF ARTISANAL/MODULAR PETROLEUM REFINERIES OPERATION IN NIGERIA: ADVOCACY CENTRE COMMENDS FG, DESCRIBES IT AS SUCCESS OF ITS ADVOCACY, CALLS FOR STEP-DOWN SUMMIT IN THE NIGER DELTA

Youths and Environmental Advocacy Centre (YEAC), a nongovernmental organization that also coordinates Niger Delta Artisanal Refiners for Modular Refineries for environmental sustainability has commended the Federal Government for organizing a national summit on the integration of artisanal and modular petroleum refineries operation in Nigeria into the national economy, describing it as the success of its advocacy on the subject-matter over the years and granting of its demands.

It would be recalled that the Federal Government through the Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning in collaboration with Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Niger Delta Affairs with other stakeholders on March 10 announced that it would on Tuesday, March 16 and Wednesday March 17 organize a national summit on artisanal/modular petroleum refineries in Nigeria at Sheraton Hotel, Abuja-FCT.

In a statement released by Advocacy Centre in Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital on Friday March 12 and signed by its Executive Director and Regional Coordinator of the Platform, Fyneface Dumnamene Fyneface, the group described the National Summit as “well-conceived, coming late but better late than never as it would address lots of issues associated with oil theft and artisanal refining activities in the Niger Delta through modular refineries and integration of artisanal refining into the formal national economy in line with our advocacy and demand for the establishment of Presidential Artisanal Crude Oil Refining Development Initiative (PACORDI), similar to the Presidential Gold Mining Development Initiative (PAGMI) in parts of the North and Western Nigeria that earlier integrated illegal gold mining into the national economy”.

The group said since 2017 that Vice President Yemi Osinbajo pronounced Modular Refineries for artisanal refiners in the region, YEAC has been sensitizing artisanal refiners and they created “Platform for the Coordination of Niger Delta Artisanal Refiners for Modular Refineries” that not only sensitize them against oil theft and artisanal crude oil refining that contributes to environmental pollution, loss of livelihoods for fishermen, farmers and revenue to government but also train the artisanal refiners on guidelines for the establishment of modular refineries, fish farming and renewable energy among others as alternatives means of livelihoods.

The group urged the Federal Government to consider stepping-down the summit in the Niger Delta where it targets to address the issues as majority of the artisanal refiners that the summit would benefit are not only afraid to travel to Abuja for fear of arrest over their illegal acts but also lack the resources to fund themselves to attend the summit in Abuja. Fyneface in the statement further said Youths and Environmental Advocacy Centre is at advanced stages of registering and creation of database of artisanal refiners in the Niger Delta through a contract signed with MTN, 9Mobile, Airtel and Glo through a Lagos-based company that enables artisanal refiners register on the secured online database through a text message from their phones to 33811. His words “We started creating the database and registering artisanal refiners for the formation of cooperative societies for modular refineries in 2019

following the successful launch of the platform on December 10 that year and circulation of free registration form across communities in the Niger Delta. The registration is progressing smoothly and received a boost on January 10, 2020 when President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR represented by Minister of State for Environment, Mrs. Sharon Ikeazor during the inauguration of NOSDRA laboratory in Port Harcourt called for the registration of artisanal refiners and formation of cooperative societies for modular refineries. We currently have jingles to this effect running on radio and our partners from the United Kingdom will soon arrive for an investment workshop for both the artisanal refiners and those who want to invest in the Modular Refineries”.

While praising the objectives of the summit as comprehensive enough for a start, the group said if its outcome is properly managed with more stakeholders’ involvement and input during the requested step-down town hall meetings in the Niger Delta, given legal backing through integration into the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) and passed into Law, it would not only achieve its lofty goals and objectives in the oil and gas sector but also address issues around insecurity in the Niger Delta as there will be a drastic reduction in the number of artisanal refiners vis-a-vis proliferation of small arms and light weapons in the hands of the non-state actors who engaged in artisanal refining and used the weapons beyond providing protection for both themselves and their illegal business operations. YEAC said both the leadership of Advocacy Centre and the Platform for the Coordination of Niger Delta Artisanal Refiners for Modular Refineries will fully participate in the national summit on artisanal and modular petroleum refineries holding in Abuja.

Signed,

FYNEFACE DUMNAMENE FYNEFACE,

Environmental Justice Activist, Regional Coordinator, Platform for the Coordination of Niger Delta Artisanal Refiners for Modular Refineries and Executive Director, Advocacy Centre.

12/03/2021.

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APPENDIX A:

SOME ORGANIZING MINISTRIES OF THE NATIONAL SUMMIT THAT WE REACHOUT TO AND INFORMED ABOUT OUR WORK WITH ARTISANAL REFINERS AND REGISTRATION FOR MODULAR REFINERIES IN 2020



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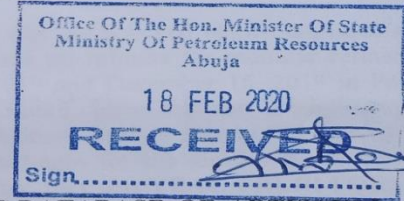
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The Honourable Minister of State,
Petroleum Resources,
Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources,
Block D, NNPC Towers, Herbert Macaulay Way,
Central Business District, Abuja-FCT.

Dear Honourable Minister,

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF CREATION OF DATABASE OF ARTISANAL CRUDE OIL REFINERS IN THE NIGER DELTA TO BENEFIT FROM LICENSES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MODULAR REFINERIES AS DIRECTED BY MR. PRESIDENT AND REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MODULAR REFINERIES/LICENSES AND PARTNERSHIP ON SENSITIZATION ACTIVITIES

February 14, 2020.



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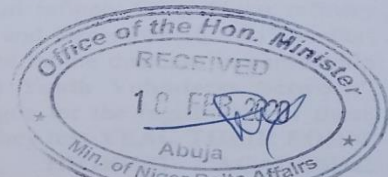
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His Excellency, Chief Godswill Akpabio,
The Honourable Minister,
Niger Delta Affairs,
Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs,
Federal Secretariat, Phase 1,
Abuja-FCT.

Dear Honourable Minister,

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF CREATION OF DATABASE OF ARTISANAL CRUDE OIL REFINERS IN THE NIGER DELTA TO BENEFIT FROM LICENSES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MODULAR REFINERIES AS DIRECTED BY MR. PRESIDENT AND REQUEST FOR COLLABORATION/SPONSORSHIP

February 14, 2020.



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Youths and Environmental Advocacy Centre
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The Honourable Minister of State,
Environment,
Federal Ministry of Environment,
Block C, Mabushi, Abuja-FCT.

Dear Honourable Minister,

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF REGISTRATION/CREATION OF DATABASE OF ARTISANAL CRUDE OIL REFINERS IN THE NIGER DELTA TO BENEFIT FROM LICENSES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MODULAR REFINERIES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TRADITIONAL RULERS AS DIRECTED BY MR. PRESIDENT THROUGH THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT

February 14, 2020.



APPENDIX B:

YOUTHS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY CENTRE (YEAC) AND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL SUMMIT ON ARTISANAL/MODULAR PETROLEUM REFINERIES IN NIGERIA



FYNEFACE DUMNAMENE FYNEFACE, 38, who hails from Kabangha Community in Khana Local Government of Rivers State, is an Environmental Justice Activist, Human Rights Defender, Facilitator of “*Platform for the Coordination of Niger Delta Artisanal Refiners for Modular Refineries*” and Executive Director, Youths and Environmental Advocacy Centre (YEAC), a nongovernmental organization with over 10years experience. Fyneface has authored/co-authored over ten different publications including reports, books and research papers on different subject-matters covering Climate Change, Artisanal Crude Oil Refining, Ogoni/Niger Delta Clean-up, Flooding, Photography, cultism, piracy, etc. and currently mobilizing and building a network of “*One Million Youth Volunteers on Human Right Defenders and Promoters in the Niger Delta*”. Fyneface had received professional training in journalism, environment, climate change mitigation, conflict resolution and peace-building mechanisms, etc from both local and international organizations and institutions including International Center for journalists (ICFJ) USA, United Nations REDD+ Academy and International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP-2018) organized by the United States Department of State, etc. He had addressed many local and international conference to address the issues in the Niger Delta and Nigeria including the 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly where he addressed world leaders alongside President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR and pushed for the immediate commencement of the cleanup with a view of extending it to other Niger Delta communities as soon as possible. He had also spoken as guest speaker at San Francisco State University (2016) USA; Californian State Legislature (2016), USA; Standing Rock, South Dakota, USA (2018); Africa Regional Conference on Biodiversity, Kenya (2019) and thrice at the Nigeria’s National Assembly in February and March (2020) at public hearings at House Committees on Environment and Crude Oil Theft in Nigeria. Academically, Fyneface studied Educational Management and Political Science and Postgraduate Diploma in International Affairs from the University of Port Harcourt in 2010 and 2014 respectively. In 2017, he was awarded a Master’s Degree in Political Science, International Relations and Diplomacy by the University of Nigeria,

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Nsukka and had since then been serving as research consultants to many local and international organizations including Stakeholder Democracy Network, SOAS University of London, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Aljazeera, BBC World Service, German National TV, VICE, etc and features live weekly on radio for the past 6years. Fyneface can be reached by e-mail at: fyneface@centreadvocacy.org; fdfyneface@gmail.com or Mobile N0.: **08035478758**



THE PRESIDENT OF NIGERIA, MUHAMMADU BUHARI, GCFR AND FYNEFACE DUMNAMENE FYNEFACE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACTIVIST AND OGOINI/NIGER DELTA YOUTHS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 71ST SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK, USA ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2016.

(<https://sustyvibes.com/fyne-face-told-president-buhari-leaders-nigeria-unga-side-event-thursday/> and <https://thenationonline.ng/buhari-committed-ogoni-project-niger-delta-devt/>)



(Fyneface Dumnamene on Niger Delta development advocacy to the United States and visit on Nigeria Ambassador to the United States in Washington DC, now late Amb. Silvanus Nsofor in 2018)



ROSEMARY OFUNNEAMAKA ARAFIENA: Rosemary is a Real Women Foundation, Lagos-trained social worker, gender advocate, administrator, counselor and youth advocate with over 15years experience. She has worked as the Rivers State Coordinator of Wholistics Outreach, a faith-based nongovernmental organization and CEO of Rosiemarie Event Management and Planner, having been trained as an entrepreneur by Quantum Business School. Rosemary developed deep passion for children and teenagers' rehabilitation, skills development and back-to-school packages from her time with Zaraphet Women Foundation Port Harcourt among others. Academically, Rosemary is a University of Jos trained graduate of English Linguistics and had worked with the Federal Capital Development Authority, Abuja where she did her NYSC and served as a Consultant to the United Nations, Abuja office under the UN Women Project on 35% Affirmation Action of Women in Politics. Rosemary is Advocacy Centre's **Abuja Advocacy Manager**, representing, coordinating, managing and interfacing with individuals, government institutions and partner-organizations among others for Advocacy Centre. Thus, she is the head of YEAC's National Advocacy Centre located at Mallam Shehu Plaza, NO. 35 IT Igbani Street (Jabi Upstairs), Jabi, Abuja-FCT reachable via e-mail: rosemary@centreadvocacy.org and Mobile NO.: **08107678710**



ISAAC OPIRIYABO-OFORI: Isaac, 47, hails from Touma community, Bille Kingdom in Degema Local Government Area of Rivers State. He has trained on HSE Levels 1, 2 and 3 at the Ken Saro-Wiwa Polytechnic, Bori, STCW at Charkens Maritime Academy, Rivers State University and currently finalizing a Bachelor's of Science degree in Management at the University of Port Harcourt. Isaac had also attended trainings on entrepreneurship, alternative livelihoods for artisanal refiners and conflict resolution and peace-building mechanisms in the Niger Delta by Youths and Environmental Advocacy Centre, SPDC, etc. He has vast experience in the oil and gas sector where he has worked as operational and logistics manager, scaffolder general foreman, vending officer and Managing Director of Prisco Services Nigeria Ltd among others. Isaac has leadership experiences as Chief-Elect and having served in the famous Ijaw Youth Council (IYC) of the Niger Delta. He currently volunteers and working with Youths and Environmental Advocacy Centre (YEAC) as **RIVERS STATE ADVOCACY OFFICER** coordinating, sensitizing, mobilizing and registering of artisanal refiners for Modular Refineries in Degema Local Government Area. Isaac can be reached via e-mail: isaac@centreadvocacy.org; Mobile NO.: **08084313659**.

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