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Promoting Cultural Values and Environmental Rights
of Original Inhabitants (OIs) in Federal Capital Territory
(FCT) through Drama and Art
Forms.



Background

Centre for Transparency Advocacy and eight other Sub-grantees supported by CHRICED and MacArthur is implementing the FCT OI project which is aimed at Promoting the Rights of Original Inhabitants (OIs) In Federal Capital Territory (FCT). Based on the broad outcomes of CHRICED, CTA is focusing on Promoting Cultural Values and Environmental Rights of Original Inhabitants (OIs) in Federal Capital Territory (FCT) through Drama and Art Forms.



Faith Nwadishi, Executive Director CTA.



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Community Entry and Community Gate keepers Meeting

The community mapping engagement process / Entry was carried out by the CTA project team and held meetings and consultations with District Heads and members of the four project Communities. This was a second major activity introducing the OI Project to the various stakeholders and communities that are the target beneficiaries of the project.

Essentially, the method adopted was to carry out mapping for the community using relatively informal processes leading to the establishment of principles and techniques in community mobilization and participation. This involves recognizing the community leadership and its people and adopting the most appropriate approach in meeting, interacting, and working with them.

Equally, the community Gate Keepers meeting engagement process was led by The Executive Director, The Programmes manager, The Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning officer, The ICT Officer, and the Guide / Interpreter Mr. Sananu Jacob. The meeting provided a great opportunity to meet with the various District heads of target communities on how to initiate, nurture and sustain a desirable relationship with the communities for the purpose of securing the community's' interests, gain support from the community leaders and to ensure establishment of good working relationship in all aspect of the project

Project Team Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to formally introduce the project to the staff of CTA and to acquaint them with the implementing staff. Also, the meeting was for project planning and formalities for implementation and to review strategies if and where necessary. The project team members are the Executive Director Faith Nwadishi who is the overall supervisor of the project, MacDonald Ekemezie (Programme/Communications Manager), Amaka Elekwechi (Account officer), Stephanie Omere (Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Officer). Also, Amaechi Eze (I.T Admin) and Andy Blessing (MEL Assistant) will support the project even as they are not direct project staff The Executive Director called on all staff to be diligent, focused and ready to deliver on the project's mandate. She said that there will be no room for recalcitrancy as CTA does not always tolerate such. The staff pledged to give in their bests and to support the project to succeed.



Advocacy visit to Sapeyi of Ushafa



Advocacy visit to Sapeyi of Mpampe



Advocacy visit to Sapeyi of Bwari



"Indigenous women have a role to play in the preservation and transmission of traditional ancestral knowledge. The OI lives matter"

Stop all forms of discrimination against women, children and the PWDS. OI lives matter. #FCT_OI_RightsAreHumanRights #WeAreIndigenous #Justice4FCTOIs@macfound @chricedng #ctanaijawatchdog

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Event Photos

Check out the photos below from the project Launch



The Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) on Tuesday in Abuja launched its Project, on 'Promoting Cultural Values and Rights of Original Inhabitants (OIs) in the FCT through Drama and Art Forms'. The launching took place at Grace-Point Hotel, Zone 6, Wuse on December 14, 2021.

Executive Director of the Centre, Ms Faith Nwadishi during the launch told participants and the media that the project aims to draw government attention to the plight of the Original Inhabitants (OIs) of the FCT. She equally informed the stakeholders that the project is with support from MacArthur Foundation through the Centre for Human Rights and Civic Education (CHRICED) while she stated further that the objectives of the project include improved awareness and voice of FCT Original Inhabitants about their rights and responsibilities. She used the opportunity of the project launch to bring to the attention of the stakeholders the decades of abandonment while the original inhabitants had faced several forms of infringement on their fundamental rights which the project is set to address.

In his remarks, the Esu Bwari Dr Ibrahim Yaro lamented that the original inhabitants were so marginalised "that

we have no say in the scheme of things in the FCT".

Yaro who was represented by Mr Awoyi, Youth President Bwari Area Council lamented that the Original Inhabitants have been displaced and their ancestral lands taken from them. "We no longer have places to farm," he said. According to him, the Original Inhabitants also have been denied Federal appointments. He commended CTA on the project saying it was a noble gesture. During the Launch, the Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI) threw its weight behind the project, stating that it is deserving to restore and preserve the economic and cultural heritage of the Original Inhabitants of the Federal Capital Territory. Team Leader, Communication and Advocacy, NEITI, Kazeem Lameed, said the project was essentially a sustainability issue, as it touched on the economy and culture of the people. Lameed said the surest way to destroy a people economically, was to destroy their culture and identity. He said the project will not only assist the people to revive their culture and livelihoods





The Project by Project is the firm in charge of the Original Inhabitants Project communications mandated to interface with the grantees implementing the OI Project across the Federal Capital Territory. The team visited CTA on December 1, 2021 to introduce their team as consultants that will be interfacing with CTA on the project. A key objective of the interface is to understand areas where CTA would be needing communication support as regards to achieving the outcomes of the project.

At the end of the meeting, areas where CTA would be needing technical assistance and support were clearly listed out as follows

- Training on designing infographics and manning the camera
- Setting up zoom meeting and gadgets
- Support in adding donation page to CTA website
- Guidance on content development.
- Provide support in writing press briefs
- Support in maximizing different social media platforms
- Give any other professional advice when necessary.

The CTA team was represented by; The Executive Director Faith Nwadishi, Programme/Communications Manager MacDonald Ekemezie, MEL officer Stephanie Omere, Accounting Officer Amaka Elekwechi, ICT Officer, MEL Assistant and Admin Assistant. While Project-By-Project team was led by Cecilia Okereke Communication Advisor

BRIEF HISTORY AND PROFILE OF CENTRE FOR TRANSPARENCY ADVOCACY (CTA)

The Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) was founded in 2005 but was registered as a Non-Profit, Non-Governmental and Non-Religious organisation under the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) in Nigeria in 2012. Our mission is to promote the benefits of transparency and accountability in public service and to cause a reawakening in the society to imbibe the tenets of transparency and accountability in Nigeria. One of its key roles is advocating for transparency in the value chain of the extractive sector, People's rights, values as well as to monitor service delivery as rendered by government and agencies to conform to global standards and best practices. CTA is privileged to work with a large repertoire of media partners.

Importantly, the covenant of CTA is premised on advocating openness in running government business, assessing, and verifying on-going and completed physical projects and ascertaining the quality-of-Service Delivery by Federal, State and Local Governments, Ministries/Departments and Agencies (MDAs). CTA works towards achieving reforms in the extractive industry and community interventions that support contract transparency, Zero Gas Flare, and beneficial ownership reforms as well as working to mitigate unintended consequences arising from the extractive industry resources.

CTA equally operates as a critical watch dog in the electoral value chain and is involved in election observation in Nigeria. We enjoy strategic partnership with other organisations notably, Women in Extractives, Koyenum Immalah Foundation, Network on Good Governance, Contract Transparency Network, the Media, and other Civil Society Organisations.

Centre for Transparency Advocacy is certified by NGOsource. Centre for Transparency Advocacy has produced CONTRAWATCH (public radio program). This project was supported by FOSTER until it wound up in March 2021, thereby leaving a vacuum in continuing the advocacy on Contract transparency. However, CTA has continued with the advocacy and engagement for policy change and implementation through the deployment of FOI to demand for contract transparency in the mining sector in Nigeria.

ELECTION OBSERVATION

Our election activities include civic education, election observation, Continuous voters' registration CVR observation among other election related activities. Our activities cover the electoral value chain. CTA has been involved in election observation since the inception of the new democracy in Nigeria, 1999.

PUBLIC SECTOR REFORMS AND ANTI-CORRUPTION

CTA- (Say No Campaign Project), with support from MacArthur Foundation involved publishing of periodic Newsletter titled #DoroCorruption aimed at enlightening the generality of the public on corruption related issues and the CTA-Say No Campaign Anti-Corruption activities. Articles centering on corruption, reports, facts sheets and featured reports are contained in the magazine. Say No Campaign also developed the Doro Corruption Mobile App. It is a free mobile App that runs on android smart phone. The mobile App enables citizens and members of the public to report cases of corruption using the Mobile App to CTA (Say No Campaign)

EXTRACTIVE SECTOR REFORMS

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CTA is equally producing LET'S TALK EXTRACTIVES (YouTube) featuring experts in the extractive sector including organizations like EITI, Publish What You Pay International, NEITI, CSOs and citizens. See some links attached:
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JdUmhG3eQ3E>,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q9a8Li-EFFE>,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ek5obdtDPc>
)

CTA is currently playing a lead role in advocating for an end to gas flares in Nigeria. The Zero Gas Flare Campaign project was initiated in 2017. The project promotes an end to gas flares and the beneficial utilization of gas for the public good. The approach is to advocate for government to ensure it fulfils its promise to end gas flares.

The popular video message of Faith Nwadishi, CTA's Executive Director, End to Gas Flare has become an essential communication tool by the World Bank and IMF in the climate change message. This short video has been translated into several international languages and is currently being used by the Federal government to promote the Gas Commercialization Project.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wqXddTljCY>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCsMFcL0kYU>

THE BOARD

The Board is made of men and women of diverse interests and expertise covering different aspects of human endeavour. The Board is led by Dr Chima Matthew Amadi, an economist and a political scientist.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

The organisation is led by Ms Faith Nwadishi who has vast experience in the Extractive Industry, the Electoral process and NGO governance. She sat for six years (serving two terms) in the International Board of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (the first woman from Nigeria to be so appointed first in 2013) and a past National Coordinator of Publish What You Pay Nigeria. She was a member of the National Stakeholders Working Group (NSWG) of NEITI, currently; Faith coordinates Women in Extractives and convenes the Zero Gas Flare Campaign in Nigeria and has participated in several World Bank/IMF programmes even as she moderated some of the world body's Round Table Discussions. She is supported by other management staff with vast experiences in Development

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Other members of the management team are

1. MacDonald Ekemezie, Head of Programme and Communications. He has over 15 years' experience in Non-Profit management
2. Nwaamaka Elekwechi is the accountant and in charge of the financial management of the organisation with experience over a decade in Non-Profit accounting and financial management
3. Mrs Stephanie Omere is the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning officer, in charge of tracking, analysis, development of performance matrices and quantitative and qualitative research with five years' experience in the development sector.

OUR MISSION

To promote the benefits of transparency and accountability in public service and to cause a reawakening in the society.

OUR VISION

A society where public institutions render quality and efficient services for common good

CORE VALUES

Justice, equity and fair play, patriotism, empathy, respect for the views of others, and integrity, excellence

MEDIA LINKS

<https://www.newtelegraphng.com/neiti-endorses-economic-sustainability-project-for-abuja-indigenes/>

- "NEITI mobilises CSOs to protect original inhabitants of Abuja"

<https://punchng.com/neiti-mobilises-csos-to-protect-original-inhabitants-of-abuja/?amp>

- CTA Calls For Concrete Efforts To Address 'Injustices' Against FCT Original Inhabitants

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<https://ivotesng.com/cta-calls-for-concrete-efforts-to-address-injustices-against-fct-original-inhabitants/>

<https://extractive360.com/2021/12/15/cta-launch-project-to-enforce-mining-contract-transparency-other-rights-of-abuja-indigenes/>

<https://dailypost.ng/2021/12/15/group-makes-case-to-reposition-status-of-fcts-original-inhabitants/>

- CTA launches project to promote cultural values of FCT original inhabitants <https://theideal.ng/cta-launches-project-promote/>

- Group moves to reposition status of Original Inhabitants of FCT

CTA gets Macarthur, CHRICED grant to promote cultural values of FCT indigenes

<https://ivotesng.com/cta-gets-macarthur-chriced-grant-to-promote-cultural-values-of-fct-indigenes/>

- <https://thenewnarrativeonline.com/news/centre-gets-n55m-grant-to-promote-fct-original-inhabitants-rights/>

- CTA gets Macarthur, CHRICED grant to tackle marginalization against FCT indigenes

<https://theideal.ng/cta-macarthur-chriced-grant/>



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