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



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Advocacy visit to the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development

On 7th of February, 2022, Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) met with the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development on the project, Promoting Cultural Values and Rights of Original Inhabitants (OIs) In Federal Capital Territory (FCT) through Drama and Art Forms. Aims of the meeting;

- ♦ To engage and mobilize key stakeholders within the extractive community who will collaborate with CTA on meeting the projects' outcomes.

Some activities planned for the period of this project are;

- ♦ Technical support in the Development / reviews of Community Development Agreements for target communities on the project.
- ♦ Capacity building for communities on negotiating a good Community Development Agreements
- ♦ Oversight by the ministry to ensure that the CDAs are implemented
- ♦ Support for linkage to the mining companies
- ♦ Support for the conduct of scoping study on the impact of mining
- ♦ Technical support from the ministry in programme deliveries.

Outcome of meeting:

Commitment of the Minister to give us the resource people we want for this project.



Social Media engagement: Facebook Live 2

On 4th February, 2022, the CTA team alongside some original inhabitants of the FCT engaged in a facebook live coverage of some historical sites in the Garki Hill of Abuja. The objectives of this activity was:

- ♦ To improve the coverage and awareness of the Original Inhabitant culture in real-time video to Facebook and its users.
- ♦ To explore important sites on the hill

Some of the sites identified from a view from the hill top are;

- ♦ Apo Legislative quarters
- ♦ Streets from Apo roundabout
- ♦ Catholic Secretariat
- ♦ City gate
- ♦ National stadium
- ♦ Church gate
- ♦ World trade centre
- ♦ Millennium tower
- ♦ CBN head quarters
- ♦ National mosque
- ♦ Present Garki resettlement
- ♦ National library

On 28th of February, 2022, a Press Conference by the Original Inhabitants of Abuja in conjunction with the Centre for Transparency Advocacy on the Clause-by-Clause voting for the amendment of some sections of the 1999 Constitution by the National Assembly.

The Objectives of the activity was to state the stand of the Original Inhabitants on the clause-by-clause voting for the amendment of some sections of the 1999 constitution by the national assembly.

In her opening speech, the Executive director of CTA made it clear that CTA was not the lead presenter on the conference but a supporter of the course of the OIs and Mr. Lazarus Nuhu Nyaholo as the leader of the OIs is the person to address all at the conference.

Mr. Lazarus Nuhu Nyaholo in his speech stated that two areas are of great interest to the original inhabitants of Abuja, which directly affects the Original Inhabitants of the FCT: – Section 297 to 307 to be replaced by Establishment of a Mayoralty for FCT with an elected Mayor and Mayoral Assembly which will now replace the current arrangement by designating FCT Minister as the Governor of FCT and National Assembly as the FCT Legislators respectively as against the status of executive and legislative functions respectively vested on the President and the National Assembly.

Among the questions for Mr. Lazarus Nuhu Nyaholo was: How prepared are the Gbagyis? Are the people standing together? Response from Mr. Lazarus was that not just the Gbagyi, there are about nine tribes in FCT and all are speaking the same voice in this regard. Even all the political parties are on same page too.

Outcomes: The plight of the Original Inhabitants on the amendment of the 1999 constitution was clearly communicated and interest areas on the constitution reviewed

Media round table

Writer's Workshop

From the 23rd – 25th of February, 2022, CTA held a writer's workshop to build the capacity of participants on skills required for skit and script writing for engagement and advocacy processes.

The Executive Director of CTA, Faith Nwadishi, noted in her opening remarks that theatre for development has become one of the key strategies in addressing most of the advocacy issues for the project. The writers' workshop is like a dream come true for CTA and she further expressed her profound gratitude to Resource Centre for Human Rights and Civic Education (CHRICED) and MacArthur foundation for supporting this project.

SESSIONS:

TFD: MR. MacDonald Ekemezie
TFD Scripts and Script Writing Techniques: MR. Lambert Nnorom
Advocacy Processes: Faith Nwadishi
Story Mapping: Chinelo
Story Plotting: Chinelo

In conclusion, the Executive Director of CTA talked about the quarterly town-hall meetings that would serve as a medium to train the community people and promised to give possible feedback on it



Radio programme

On the 8th of March, 2022, CTA held the 5th edition of the bi-monthly radio program. The objectives of this edition were to:

- To commemorate the 2022 International Women's Day "Breaking the Biases" Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow and
- To learn about the people and indigenes of FCT

The program took place on Hot FM studio, Apo, FCT, Abuja.

Synopsis of 5th Edition

Date: Tuesday 8/03/2022

Time: 11:30 am

Venue: Hot fm

Topic: The Impact of Culture on the Rights of the Original Inhabitants Women)–

Anchor/Presenter... Tonye Kokodia

Guests: Amina H. Kassanki and Grace Amos Haruna (Gimbiya)

Media links

<https://www.facebook.com/hotfm983/videos/357687639405392/>



Staff retreat and GESI Training

The CTA Staff retreat and GESI Training took place between the 16th – 18th March, 2022 in Abuja, Nigeria. The objective of the retreat was to train staff and relevant stakeholders of CTA on Gender Equality and Social Inclusion as well as mainstream GESI in all programmes of CTA.

Dr. Chima Amadi, the Board Chairman of CTA gave the Keynote Address where he emphasized on how important it was that CTA understands carrying out projects in its own terms and not completely on donor terms in order to actually meet its objectives.

The representative of the Original Inhabitants of the FCT in person of Mr. Lazarus Nyaholo, Secretary, Garki Traditional Council, Bature Abubakar: A representative of the community of people living with Disabilities and many other representatives of various women and youth groups were in attendance.



Documentation and Production of TFD

The documentation and Production of Theatre for Development (TFD) took place between 1st – 5th of March, 2022.

Locations: Grillzhut, Garki hill, Garki Village, Mpape, Kuje and NASS.

Outcomes

The documented script was produced into skit shot in focus areas; Bwari Area Council, Kuje Area Council and AMAC.

Validation of the skit by the Original Inhabitants of FCT to check if the skit captures areas of concern and challenges has been carried out and validated.



Town hall meeting On CDAs and Inauguration of FCT OI Cultural Ambassadors.

On the 30th of March, 2022, CTA held a Town hall meeting On CDAs and held the Inauguration of FCT OI Cultural Ambassadors.

The objective of the event was the Establishment/inauguration of community cultural ambassadors and Quarterly town hall meeting of ambassadors.

The ED of CTA in her opening remarks, made it clear that the essence of the town hall meeting and inauguration ceremony was to identify people as Original Inhabitant of FCT ambassadors. These people are individuals singled out because of their contribution towards promoting the cultural values and rights of the original inhabitants of the FCT. There was also a recognition of people who have lived and contributed to the rights of the indigenous people of the FCT.

Outcomes

- An understanding of what CDA is and the processes involved
- Establishment of the community theatre group and cultural ambassadors



Advocacy visit to FCT Secondary Education Board

On the 4th of April, April, 2022, the CTA team made an advocacy visit to the FCT Secondary Education Board in Garki, Abuja. The objective of the CTA advocacy visit was to collaborate with the board in accessing government secondary schools to conduct cultural competitions among selected secondary schools in various Area Councils in the FCT and also to get members of the Board to be part of the panel of judges for the competition.

The board pledged their willingness to collaborate with the team on the project.



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

Centre for Transparency Advocacy has produced CONTRAWATCH (public radio program). This project was supported by FOSTER until it wound up in March 2021. 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. 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=jCsMFcL0KY>)

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 Ms3. 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 Communication, programming, NGO administration and finance management.

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 Vision

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

Our Mission

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

Core Values

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

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