



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

REPORT

Of the

11th NATIONAL COUNCIL ON
ENVIRONMENT (NCE)

HELD AT

June 12 Cultural Centre, Kuto,
Abeokuta, Ogun State.

Date: Monday, 16th – Wednesday 18th October 2017

**REPORT OF THE 11TH NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENT HELD AT
THE JUNE 12 CULTURAL CENTRE, KUTO, ABEOKUTA, OGUN STATE
MONDAY,
16TH – WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 2017.**

The Theme of the 11th Council Meeting is: **“Unlocking the Investment Opportunities of the Environment Sector towards Nigerian Economic Recovery Diversification, Growth and Sustainable Development”**.

1.0 **PREAMBLE**

- 1.1 The 11th Meeting of the National Council on Environment (NCE) was held at the June 12 Cultural Center, Kuto, Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital on Wednesday, 18th October, 2017 with the theme: **“Unlocking the Investment Opportunities in the Environment Sector Towards Nigeria’s Economic Recovery, Diversification, Growth and Sustainable Development”**. The meeting was preceded by Pre – Council Meetings on Monday and Tuesday, 16th – 17th October, 2017 at the same venue.
- 1.2 Participants were drawn from Honourable Commissioners responsible for environment matters from the various States of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Special Advisers to the Governors on Environment matters, Permanent Secretaries, Chief Executives of related Federal and State Ministries and Agencies, Officials from Federal and State Ministries and Agencies, Non – Governmental Organizations, (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations, the Academia and members of the press.
- 1.3 The National Council on Environment (NCE) is the highest level Policy making body in the Environmental Sector in Nigeria. It is a forum for interaction and harmonization of environmental management across the nation. Delegates from the Federal and State Ministries and other relevant Stakeholders meet annually to review the state of the environment, interact, exchange ideas and come up with appropriate policies for the management of environmental challenges in the country. It further offers members the

- opportunity to give reports /updates on the extent of implementation of decisions taken at previous meetings.
- 1.4 The NCE also ensures that the outcomes of such decisions are implemented, monitored and appraised for sustainable environmental management in the country. Environmental issues discussed cover areas on Climate Change, Forestry, Drought and Desertification, Biodiversity and Deforestation, Land Management, Environmental Impact Assessment and Regulations, Flood and Erosion, Pollution Control and Degradation.

2.0. OPENING CEREMONY

- 2.1 The Opening Ceremony of the Technical Meeting started at 11am, chaired by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Environment, Dr. Shehu M. U. Ahmed. The Welcome Address was delivered by the Acting Permanent Secretary, Ogun State Ministry of Environment while the Opening Remark was given by Dr. Shehu M. U. Ahmed and the Vote of Thanks by the Acting Director (PRS). The Ceremony was declared open by the Ogun State Commissioner for Environment, Mr. Bolaji Oyeleye.

3.0 THEMATIC WORKING GROUP SESSION

- 3.1 After the Opening Ceremony, the Thematic Groups were constituted to consider a total of 108 memoranda submitted by Federal/State Ministries of Environment and other relevant Stakeholders. To achieve a robust and comprehensive analysis of the memoranda submitted, the meeting was divided into thematic/professional groups. The Thematic Groups were:
- i. Climate Change and Renewable Energy
 - ii. Forestry, Drought and Desertification
 - iii. Pollution and Environmental Health
 - iv. Flood, Erosion and Coastal Zone Management
 - v. Environmental Impact Assessment and Regulations

vi. Institutional Governance

4.0 **TECHNICAL MEETING**

4.1 The Technical Meeting, which was chaired by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Environment, Dr. Shehu M.U. Ahmed, was attended by Federal /State Permanent Secretaries of the Ministries of Environment and related Ministries, Heads and Directors of Agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations as well as relevant Stakeholders. The meeting received the report of the Thematic Groups, deliberated on the report, adopted it and made recommendations to the Council for consideration.

5.0 **COUNCIL MEETING**

5.1 The meeting of the Council took place on Wednesday, 18th October, 2017 under the Chairmanship of the Honourable Minister of State for Environment, Ibrahim Usman Jibril. The meeting began at 8.55am with the citation of the 2nd Stanza of the National Anthem by participants as the opening prayer. The meeting was attended by State Commissioners of Environment and relevant Ministries, Directors and various officers from Federal and State Ministries and other Stakeholders in the environment sector.

5.2 The Welcome Address was delivered by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Environment while the Hon. Minister of State for Environment gave the Opening Remarks. The Meeting also received Goodwill Messages from Representatives of the Senate and House of Representatives Committees on Environment, Speaker, Ogun State House of Assembly and the Wife of the Executive Governor of Ogun State, Her Excellency, Dr. (Mrs) Olufunso Amosun.

5.3 The Council Meeting was declared open by His Excellency, the Governor of Ogun State, Senator Ibikunle Amosun, CON, FCA,

who delivered the keynote address. He stressed that to achieve sustainable development, it is important that we consider the environmental implications of every aspect of our development plan, even before we embark on them. Concerted efforts must thus be put in place to ensure the protection and sustenance of our environment. The preservation and sustenance of the environment is, without doubt, a collective work for all and sundry and should not be left only in the hands of Government. He wished all fruitful deliberations and a memorable National Council Meeting.

- 5.4 Before the commencement of the Council deliberations, the Chairman of Council and Honourable Minister of State, Ibrahim Usman Jibril, invited a representative of the Tropical General Investment Group, Mr. Christian Wessel to make a presentation on “Solving Nigeria’s E – Waste Crisis”. The presentation dealt with the growing e- waste levels in Nigeria and the detrimental effects on the environment and informal sector workers. In addition to domestic e – waste generation, significant illegal waste imports take place in Africa. To this effect, efforts to formalize Nigeria’s recycling sector are currently ongoing. The E – Waste Solutions Alliance for Africa, comprising of Dell, HP, Microsoft Mobile and Philips and supported by the World Economic Forum, is leading efforts to implement a sustainable model for e – waste recycling in Nigeria.

6.0 **COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS**

- 6.1 The Council considered a total of 83 memoranda, deliberated upon them and made the following decisions:
- 6.2 **FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/FED/CCRE/001 Action Memorandum on the Establishment of Pilot Solar Energy Facilities in Ogun State Rural Areas**

Prayer:

- i. Approve the construction of solar energy facilities in three communities of Ogun Senatorial Districts to be funded by Ogun State; and
- ii. Incorporate a sensitization program and benefits of renewable energy in the project.

Council's Decision: Approved

6.3 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/CRE/002 Action Memorandum on Adoption of Ogun State as Centre for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Innovation

Prayers:

- i. Approve that the Federal Ministry of Environment assist States Governments in enhancing their mitigation and adaption capacity;
- ii. Approve that the Federal Government establish Climate Change Innovation Centers in at least Six (6) Geo-political Zones.

Council's Decision: Approved

6.4 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/CCRE/003 Action Memorandum on the Report of Implementation of the Decision of the 10th National Council on Environment and the Way Forward

Prayers:

- (i) Establishment of performance standards and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission baselines for major activities and major sources;
- (ii) Promotion of energy efficiency products and practices at the side of end users and energy generation under the auspices of the Energy Commission with Federal Ministry

of Environment across the States and Local Government Councils.

- (iii) Further creation of awareness across the Federal, States and Local Governments on the danger of Climate Change to the environment and the importance of the urgent need to deploy clean energy technologies for Climate Change Mitigation in the Country.

Council's Decision: Approved

6.5 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/CCRE/004 NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION MEMORANDUM ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NIGERIAN ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY

Purpose:

To inform Council on the current environmental situation in the country and to explain the current economic downtrend and threat to food security. The memo proffers a Bio – Based Economy Option as the pathway to Economic Recovery.

Council's Decision: Noted

6.6 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/CCRE/005 MEMORANDUM ON THE UPGRADING OF THE MINISTRY'S CLIMATE CHANGE DIVISION TO A DIRECTORATE

Prayer: The State Ministry requests that the Federal Ministry of Environment supports the Department on capacity building in terms of staff training and also facilitates the release of funds from the Ecological/Global Climate Change Funds in order to assist the State carry out climate change activities and mitigation measures.

Council's Decision: Noted

6.7 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/CCRE/006 ACTION MEMORANDUM ON GREEN BONDS INITIATIVES

Prayer: Council is invited to encourage State governments to acquaint themselves on the Green Bond Initiative and to strive to develop ambitious project pipelines with green credentials suitable for green investment under the Green Bonds that will meet the objectives of their climate change plans especially the Green Infrastructure.

Council's Decision: Approved

6.8 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/CCRE/007 ACTION MEMORANDUM ON THE NEED FOR A PRE AND POST CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE OF PARTIES (COP) REVIEW MEETINGS IN NIGERIA

Prayer:

Council should approve Pre and Post Climate Change COP National Review Meetings after every Conference of Parties to keep all the States abreast of development in the COP meetings.

Council's Decision: Approved

6.9 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/ADD/CCRE/008 MEMORANDUM CALLING FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN BAUCHI STATE AND FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT TO CREATE ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY

Prayer: The provision of alternative source of Energy Programme and collaboration between the State and Federal Ministry of Environment to achieve sustainable Natural resources Management.

Council's Decision: Approved

6.10 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/ADD/EFCZM/009 MEMORANDUM ON PRESERVATION OF BLUE CARBON THROUGH ENRICHMENT OF BIODIVERSITY, MARINE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION

Purpose:

Seeks to close the coastal Blue Carbon Gap by extrapolating current Blue Carbon Policy trends, patterns and difference in Nigeria.

Council's Decision: Stepped Down to enable members to be properly educated on the issue.

6.11 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/CCRE/010 Action memo on Nigeria's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) Implementation Plans.

Purpose: Council is invited to note that:

- (i) Nigeria has ratified the Paris Agreement on Climate Change;
- (ii) With the ratification of the Agreement, Nigeria's Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) is now called Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC);
- (iii) The Ministry has developed Sectoral Action Plans for the five key sectors in the NDC;
- (iv) States are encouraged to key into the NDC for effective implementation of the Paris Agreement

Council's Decision: Approved

6.12 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/EA&R/011 Action memo for the Implementation of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in Nigeria.

Prayer:

1. That the Federal Ministry of Environment in collaboration with other relevant Government Agencies at the Federal, State and Local

Government levels should commence immediate implementation of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in Nigeria.

2. That all Government policies, plans and programmes should be subjected to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

Council's Decision: Approved

6.13 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/EA&R/012_Information Memorandum on the National Guidelines developed in pursuant to the EIA Act Cap E12 LFN 2004.

Purpose:

- (i) That there are already existing National guidelines on EIA implementation in Nigeria for several sectors.
- (ii) That more EIA guidelines were developed and some existing ones reviewed to update them to suite with emerging issues.
- (iii) That the guidelines were subjected to a National Stakeholders validation workshop from 6th to 7th July, 2017.
- (iv) That Federal Ministry Environment shall develop plans and process to ensure effective implementation of the guidelines in collaboration with other relevant government agencies at all levels.
- (v) That an effective implementation of the guidelines shall boost the sustainable environmental status of the nation.

Council's Decision: Noted

6.14 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/EA&R/013 Information memorandum on the indiscriminate siting of petroleum tank farms and petrol stations in Nigeria.

Purpose:

- (i) That the Ministry has commenced Environmental Compliance Monitoring of Petroleum Tank farms in Lagos and Cross River State.
- (ii) That most of the petroleum Tank farms without EIA approvals are being mandated to carry out Environmental Audit.
- (iii) That most of the Petroleum Tank-farms have commenced submission of Environmental Compliance Monitoring reports to the Ministry.
- (iv) That the multiple regulatory roles from Federal Ministry Environment, Department of Petroleum Resources and State Ministries of Environment has constituted serious challenges in the Oil & Gas sector and has resulted in reluctance from Oil & Gas operators to subject their facilities to monitoring.

Council's Decision: Noted. Collaboration should also be encouraged.

6.15 FMENV/11TH/NCE/PRIVATE/EA&R/014 Action memorandum on the Public review of EIA Draft report and the review of Community Development Agreement and Environmental Protection Rehabilitation Programme (EPRP)

Prayers:

- (i) The EIA Draft reports, Draft reports of Environmental Protection Rehabilitation Programme (EPRP) and Community Development Agreement (CDA) be simultaneously subjected to review during public review of the EIA draft reports as both Ministries need copies.
- (ii) Alternatively, that the CDA and EPRP draft report be reviewed during the first Impact Mitigation Monitoring or First Environmental Regulatory Compliance Monitoring of the Mining project.

- (iii) That the Chairman and some members of Mineral Resources and Environmental Management Committee (MIREMCO) to partner with the Federal Ministry of Environment and participate in the public review of the EIA draft report.

Council's Decision: Stepped Down

6.16 FMENV/11TH/NCE/PRIVATE/EA&R/015 Information Memorandum on Used/Waste Oil Handling and Management Project in Nigeria.

Purpose:

The purpose of the memo was to inform the Council of the initiative of the National oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) towards used/waste oil handling and management in Nigeria.

Council's Decision: Noted

6.17 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/EA&R/016 Action memorandum on remediating the menace of Abandoned/Unrehabilitated mining/quarry sites in Ogun State

Prayers:

- (i) Approve the reclamation/rehabilitation of the abandoned mines/quarry sites in Ogun State.
- (ii) Approve that henceforth cadastral coordinates shall be declared on mining/quarry lease and not on any attachment to the lease.
- (iii) Approve that all mining sites operating in Ogun State and other States of Nigeria without Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) shall be immediately sanctioned and made to possess such before the next Council meeting.

- (i) Ogun State Ministry of Environment to route its memo through Ministry of Mines and Steel Development (MMSD).
- (ii) Mineral Resources and Environmental Management Committee (MIREMCO) to be adequately enhanced and funded to carry out its responsibilities for reclaiming and rehabilitating abandoned mined sites in the Country.

Council's Decision: Stepped Down

6.18 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/EA&R/017 Memorandum on Sand dredging activities in the States.

Prayer:

- (i) Council to approve intervention measures for the proper remediation of critically impacted sites due to exploitation activities in the States.

Council's Decision: Stepped Down but noted that this is a major problem in the Coastal States.

6.19 FMENV/11th/NCE/FED/PEH/018 Action memo to brief the NCE on Minamata Convention on Mercury and the National Preparation for its Implementation.

Prayers:

- A. Federal Ministry of Environment (FMENV) to domesticate the Minamata Convention on Mercury once the instrument of ratification is deposited with the United Nations Secretary General and
- B. States to:
 - i. Put appropriate measures in place to monitor and control the emissions and releases of mercury into the environment from industrial facilities within their jurisdiction
 - ii. Promote the use of mercury free alternative products in their health care facilities and developmental projects

Council's Decision: Approved. Director (PC&EH) to make details available to all Stakeholders.

6.20 FMENV/11th /NCE/FED/PEH/019 Action memo seeks to draw the attention of the Council to the need for an Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of waste Electrical/Electronic Equipment (E-Waste) in Nigeria

Prayers:

- i. Direct Federal Ministry of Environment to finalize the draft national policy framework on e-waste management
- ii. Urge State Governments to co-operate and collaborate with the Federal Governments on e-waste managements.
- iii. Direct Federal Ministry of Environment and State Governments to make adequate annual budgetary provisions for e-waste management in Nigeria.

Council's Decision: Approved. NESREA should make available details and documents to all Stakeholders.

6.21 FMENV/11th /NCE/FED/PEH/020 Action memo on Request for Co-operation of State Governments In the Implementation and Provision of Security to Federal Government Intervention Projects In the States

Prayers:

- Direct State Government to fully cooperate with the Federal Government in the successful implementation of these projects by fulfilling their obligations to the intervention projects/programme in their state.
- Direct State Governments to provide security at project sites during and after implementation to safeguard it from vandalization.
- Direct States to design waste to wealth programme that can attract private sector participation and Foreign Direct Investment.

Council's Decision: Approved

6.22 FMENV/11th /NCE/FED/PEH/021 Action memo on Danger Posted by the Spread of Artisanal Mining In Nigeria Needs For Immediate Artisanal Mining Site Investigation Across The Nation For Possible Heavy Metal Contamination

Prayers:

- (i) Immediate artisanal mining sites investigation for possible heavy metal contamination nationwide
- (ii) Post Remediation Monitoring and Evaluation of Bagega, Zamfara and Shikira, Niger State remediated sites for 12-24 months.

Council's Decision: Approved. Director (PC&EH) directed to call for documents from Kogi State and look into it.

6.23 FMENV/11th /NCE/FED/PEH/022 Action memo on Strengthening Private Sector Participation in the Provision of Sanitary Facilities in public places and ensuring Proper Excreta and Sewage Management In all the Local Government Areas in Nigeria.

Prayers:

- All States, Local Government Areas to enact Laws and bye-Laws that will ensure the involvement and participation of the private sector in provision of public places and sewage treatment plants in all the Local Government Areas in Nigeria

Council's Decision: Approved

6.24 FMENV/11th /NCE/FED/PEH/023 Action memo on the request for Co-operation of State Governments in the management of air quality in Nigeria

Prayers:

- i. States to support the establishment of Emission Testing Centers in their respective States under the National Vehicular Emission Control Programme (NVECP) under the PPP arrangement.
- ii. The establishment of air quality monitoring stations in the states.

Council's Decision: Approved

6.25 FMENV/11th /NCE/FED/PEH/024 Action memo on Request for Cooperation of State Governments in the management of Sewage and Industrial Effluent in all the States in Nigeria.

Prayers:

- i. The Collaboration with states for area mapping in Nigeria where population is above one million people
- ii. Carry out a survey of appropriate sewage management system for identified areas;
- iii. The establishment of decentralized waste water treatment system for private sector operation in all the identified areas where the return on investment will be quick.
- iv. That each state of the Federation promotes private sector participation in sewage management in their various states

Council's Decision: Approved

6.26 FMENV/11th /NCE/FED/PEH/025 ACTION MEMO ON LASSA FEVER/MONKEY POX DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL THROUGH STRENGTHENING OF PREMISES INSPECTION, VECTOR AND PEST CONTROL (FUMIGATION/DE-RATING) PROGRAMME OF THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Prayers:

- i. All States to strengthen the sanitary inspection of premises and vector and Pest Control programmes of their Ministry so as to prevent and control the outbreak of Lassa Fever, Monkey Pox and any other sanitation preventable diseases; and
- ii. The Federal ministry environment to strengthen and ensure implementation of sanitary inspection, of premises and Vector and Pest Control programme of Federal Government and all the relevant Premises.
- iii. Direct all States to implement the provisions of the National Sanitation Policy and regulation in collaboration with all relevant Stakeholders.

Council's Decision: Approved. States should be responsible for enforcement of regulations.

6.27 FMENV/11th /NCE/FED/PEH/026_ACTION MEMO FOR THE NEED FOR AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT (ESM) OF USED LEAD ACID BATTERIES (ULAB) IN NIGERIA.

Prayers:

- i. Direct Federal Ministry of Environment to conduct a national inventory of used lead acid batteries in Nigeria; and
- ii. Develop a national policy framework for the Environmentally sound management of used lead acid batteries in Nigeria
- iii. Urge the National Assembly to allocate funds regularly for management of used lead acid batteries.

Council's Decision: Approved

6.28 FMENV/11th /NCE/FED/PEH/027 ACTION MEMO FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIABLE DATA BANK ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.

Prayers:

- i. Direct all states of the Federation to establish reliable Solid Waste Data Bank.
- ii. To respond to the Ministry's request on the provision of reliable Solid Waste Data in Electronic format which can be sent to the Ministry's website at fmenvswm@yahoo.com

Council's Decision: Approved

6.29 FMENV/11th /NCE/FED/PEH/028_ACTION MEMO FOR FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT TO ASSIST THE STATE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF 3 SANITARY LANDFILLS (AN INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY) AND TO INTEGRATE THE TRAINING OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICERS, SANITARY ENGINEERS, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EDUCATORS, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SPECIALISTS ETC. AS PART OF THIS PROJECT.

Prayers:

- i. Approve the sum of 4.5 billion as fund for the construction of sanitary landfills in 3 senatorial Districts (Abeokuta, Ota and Ijebu-Ode) of the state.
- ii. Incorporate the training of environmental health officers, sanitary engineers, environmental health educators, solid waste management specialists, and so on as part of the project.

Council's Decision: Stepped Down

6.30 FMENV/11th /NCE/STATE/PEH/030 INFORMATION MEMO ON SOOT CHALLENGES IN RIVERS STATE

Prayers: No prayers and no action

Council's Decision: Noted

6.31 FMENV/11th /NCE/STATE/PEH/031 ACTION MEMO TO MITIGATE AGAINST EFFECTS OF SOOT.

Prayers:

- i. Constitute an intergovernmental committee to address the issue of soot in Port Harcourt and other Niger Delta Cities.
- ii. Ensure that the intergovernmental committee liaises with security agencies monitoring operations of illegal refineries in Rivers State and other Niger Delta States to adopt an acceptable measure toward destroying illegal refineries and crude oil. This is if seized petroleum products should be destroyed.
- iii. Ensure that gas flaring is put to an end in Rivers State and other Niger Delta States.
- iv. Develop a sustainable multi-sector mitigation measures against effects of Climate Change in Rivers State.

Council's Decision: Approved**6.32 FMENV/11th /NCE/STATE/PEH/032 INFORMATION MEMO ON THE NEED FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA TO SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION IN SULEJA AND MADALLA WITH FACILITIES TO EASE THE EVACUATION OF WASTE.****Prayer:**

That a committee comprising the Federal, State, Local Government and Communities to be set up to look into the deplorable sanitation condition in both Suleja and Madalla.

Council's Decision: Noted**6.33 FMENV/11th /NCE/STATE/PEH/033 ACTION MEMO CALLING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PLASTIC/METAL RECYCLING PLANT****Prayers:**

The completion of the Plastic Recycling plant and embarking on the establishment of the Metal recycling plant in Bauchi State.

Council's Decision: Approved. Bauchi State should, however supply water and plastic to enable progress in the project.

6.34 FMENV/11th /NCE/STATE/PEH/034 ACTION MEMO FOR PROVISION OF MODERN WASTE MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY IN BAUCHI STATE

Prayers:

Collaborations between the Federal Ministry of Environment, Private companies on one hand and the State on the other hand to effectively ensure proper handling of waste through modern and innovative means.

Council's Decision: Approved

6.35 FMENV/11th /NCE/STATE/PEH/035 ACTION MEMO FOR THE PROVISION OF WASTE WATER TREATMENT AND PLASTIC WASTE RECYCLING PLANTS.

Prayers:

- i. Federal Government is called upon to come in and assists by coming in to build the secondary waste water treatment plants for the treatment of waste waters from industries.
- ii. Federal Government to complete the Plastic recycling plant it started in Kano state.

Council's Decision: Approved. Kano State should, however do what is expected of them

6.36 FMENV/11th /NCE/STATE/PEH/036 ACTION MEMO ON THE CURRENT STATUS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (LAGOS STATE WASTE MANAGEMENT)

Prayers:

Required funds for control, monitoring and remediation in the sector

Council's Decision: Noted

6.37 FMENV/11th /NCE/FED/PEH/037 ACTION MEMO FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WASTE TO WEALTH PROGRAMMES BY STATE GOVERNMENTS

Prayers:

Direct State Governments to establish waste to wealth programmes in their respective States, capable of attracting private sector investment, including foreign direct investment thereby unlocking the investment potentials in waste management.

Council's Decision: Approved**6.38 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/PRIVATE/IG/038 INFORMATION MEMO ON DISAPPEARING ENDANGERED SPECIES AND ITS GLOBAL CONCERN****Prayer:**

The need for Federal Government intervention against depletion of natural resources.

Council's Decision: Noted**6.39 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/IG/039 INFORMATION MEMO ON COMMEMORATION OF THE 2017 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED)****Prayer:**

The need for all stakeholders to support the annual celebration of WED and to provide adequate budget in that regard.

Council's Decision: Noted**6.40 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/IG/040 MEMORANDUM ON CONSUMER CONCERNS ON THE ENVIRONMENT****Prayer:**

- i. There is need for the Federal Government to sensitize the public on proper disposal of on various waste streams including using local language for proper dissemination of information;
- ii. The Federal Government should ratify and domesticate the various international conventions to which Nigeria is a signatory; and
- iii. There should be strict enforcement of Environmental laws for protection of human health and the environment in general.

Council's Decision: Noted

6.41 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/IG/041 PROPOSAL FOR TRANSPARENT, EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHARE OF THE ECOLOGICAL FUND

Prayer:

- i. Ecological Fund Office (EFO) to perform its function strictly as set up;
- ii. National Committee on Ecological Problems (NCEP) to be reconstituted and to perform its designed functions; and
- iii. Executing Agencies of Ecological Fund (EF) to be reconstituted and to perform its designated functions.

Council's Decision: Stepped Down

6.42 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FCT/IG/042 EMERGING ISSUES IN THE ENVIRONMENT

Prayer:

- i. Priority attention to be given to environmental matters to avert environmental disasters
- ii. Development/formulation of implementable waste management policies for FCT and the nation in general; and
- iii. Increased environmental awareness and development of data base system for monitoring and evaluation of waste management, among others.

Council's Decision: Noted

6.43 FMENV/11TH/NCE/NGO/IG/043 INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR APPRAISAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS AND VALUE COMPLIANCE (EE&VC)

Prayer:

Need for all stakeholders to embrace the EE&VC

Council's Decision: Noted

6.44 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/IG/044 INFORMATION MEMO ON THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE AFRICAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (AMCEN) IN LIBREVILLE, GABON HELD FROM 12TH-16TH JUNE, 2017

Purpose:

This Memo seeks to inform Council on Nigeria's attendance at AMCEN.

Council's Decision: Noted

6.45 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/IG/045 INFORMATION MEMO ON GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (GEF)

Prayer:

1. All benefitting States to provide counterpart support for projects in their States;
2. States and Local Governments to initiate projects to attract GEF support; and
3. All NGOs/CBOs interested in GEF support to register with the Federal Ministry of Environment through their respective State Ministry of Environment.

Council's Decision: Noted

6.46 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/IG/046 ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL FORESTRY TRUST FUND IN NIGERIA

Prayer:

- i. The approval for the establishment of NTF;
- ii. NTF to be funded from contribution of 0.005% of annual budget by the State Government

Council's Decision: Noted

6.47 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/IG/047 INFORMATION MEMO BY NEMA ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Prayer:

Federal Ministry of Environment takes up its responsibility of providing timely information and data for effective disaster management throughout the four phases of disaster management cycle in collaboration with other relevant MDAs.

Council's Decision: Noted

6.48 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/IG/048 INFORMATION MEMO ON EMERGING ISSUES IN THE REGULATION OF MODERN BIOTECHNOLOGY /GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMOS)

Prayer:

Request all State Ministries of Environment to establish biosafety desk that will liaise with the NBMA

Council's Decision: Noted

6.49 FMENV/11TH/NCE/NGO/IG/049 MEMORANDUM TO THE 11TH NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENT ON THE ACT TO RECOGNIZE, APPRECIATE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMUNITIES ETHICS AND VALUES ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATIVE CORPS (NCEVECC) OFFICE IN NIGERIA

Prayer:

The importance of environmental ethics and values and need to encourage the involvement of community leaders and traditional rulers in the promotion of environmental ethics.

Council's Decision: Noted

6.50 FMENV/11TH/NCE/NGO/IG/050 ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL PARK IN IHUONYIA COMMUNITY, OGHE EZEAGU LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF ENUGU STATE, SOUTH-EAST ZONE, NIGERIA.

Prayer:

The need for the establishment of Zoological National Park in Ihuonyia Community, Oghe Ezeagu Local Government Area of Enugu State.

Council's Decision: Stepped Down. Noted that only the Federal Executive Council (FEC) in conjunction with the National Assembly can approve such establishment.

6.51 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/IG/051 ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATIONS IN NIGER STATE

Prayer:

The need to consider Niger State along with other States in the allocation of ecological funds, and collaboration with federal Ministry of Environment in various environmental programmes and projects.

Council's Decision: Noted

6.52 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/EFCZM/052 INFORMATION/ACTION MEMORANDUM ON THE PARTICIPATION OF NIGERIA IN THE WEST AFRICA COASTAL AREAS (WACA) MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

Prayer:

To urge the 8 coastline states of **Ogun, Lagos, Ondo, Delta, Akwa Ibom, Rivers, Bayelsa and Cross River**, the main beneficiaries, to further demonstrate interest and commitment in the programme.

Council's Decision: Noted

6.53 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/EFCZM/053 ACTION MEMO FOR THE RECLAMATION OF ABANDONED MINE PITS

Prayer:

To prevail on the Federal Ministry of Environment to approve the reclamation of the abandoned mine pits in the areas mentioned by collaborating with the Ministry of Mines and steel development to execute the projects.

Council's Decision: Stepped Down**6.54 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/EFCZM/054 FLOOD AWARENESS, ADVOCACY, SENSITIZATION AND EDUCATION IN NIGERIA.****Prayers:**

- i. Yearly Flood hazard which affect lives and property is experienced by communities in the country with increased occurrence and magnitude due to many factors among which are anthropogenic and climate change.
- ii. the department of Erosion, Flood and Coastal Zone Management is proposing the annual Flood Awareness Campaign at all tiers of Government as a strategy for flood disaster risk reduction and launch of annual Flood Awareness Campaign preceding the commencement of rainy season at all tiers of Government

Council's Decision: Approved**6.55 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/EFCZM/055 ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT COMMUNITY BASED FLOOD EARLY WARNING SYSTEM IN NIGERIA****Prayers:**

- i. That the Federal Ministry of Environment (FMEnv) in 2009 in collaboration with relevant stakeholders carried out studies and produced Flood vulnerability maps for the Twelve River Basins in the country to identify floodable locations.

- ii. The establishment of pilot Community Based Flood Early Warning System (CBFEWS) in Local Government areas that are prone to flooding;
- iii. Installation of pilot community based early warning system in the remaining states of the Federation and urge state to replicate same to local government areas.

Council's Decision: Approved

6.56 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/EFCZM/056 EFFECTS OF SOIL EROSION ON NATIONAL ECONOMY

Prayers:

- I. That the problem of soil erosion has assumed an alarming dimension in Nigeria
- II. Those communities with persistent effects of soil erosion are currently facing great losses of lives and properties which are of great economic loss to the Nation.
- III. That there is need for sound engineering measures to mitigate the soil erosion in the country.
- IV. That there is need for awareness campaign to encourage tree planting in the country.
- V. That there is need to encourage people on the importance of good agriculture practices.
- VI. Government is invited to note the need for flood plain mapping and Zoning to augment the existing flood risk vulnerability map in the country.

Council's Decision: Noted

6.57 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/EFCZM/057 WATER HARVESTING AND MANAGEMENT AS AN ESSENTIAL TOOL FOR EROSION AND FLOOD MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Prayer:

That council should urge states to adopt the practice of water harvesting as a tool for flood management in the country.

Council's Decision: Noted

6.58 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/FECZM/058 ACTION MEMORANDUM ON THE CONTROL OF GULLY EROSION AT TOTO AND GIDINYE (OBI) LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

Prayer:

That the council to urge Federal Ministry of Environment to intervene in consultations between Nasarawa State and EFO for intervention in tackling gully erosion menace.

Council's Decision: Stepped Down

6.59 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/FECZM/059 ACTION MEMORANDUM REMINDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATED BASED FLOOD EARLY WARNING EQUIPMENT

Prayers:

- i. The purpose of this action memo is to remind Council that at the 10th NCE in Lafia, all memos on installation of Automated Based Flood Early Warning equipment in the country were harmonized, unfortunately up till now, no action has been taken in Nasarawa State in the affected areas. They are Umaisha (Toto), Lokogoma (Nasarawa) and Tunga (Awe) in LGAs.
- ii. Council is hereby called upon to urge the Federal Ministry of Environment to approve and install the aforementioned equipment in the affected areas of Nasarawa State.

Council's Decision: Approved. Noted that a similar request from Kogi State will be considered by the Federal Ministry of Environment.

6.60 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/FECZM/060 ACTION MEMORANDUM ON FLOOD AND EROSION PROBLEMS ALONG BANKS OF RIVER GETSI, BACHIRAWA TUKWANE, SHEKA BARANDA, MEDILE AND MESAR TUDU

Prayer:

Federal Ministry of Environment to continue to assist Kano state Government in tackling Erosion and Flood problems in the state.

Council's Decision: Stepped Down

6.61 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/FECZM/061 REQUEST FOR ECOLOGICAL FUND TO COMBAT EROSION AND FLOOD IN TAMBARI, SAKWA-KORE-KUBDIYA AND MALO-MADUFA AREAS OF THE STATE

Prayer:

Urge Ecological Fund Office to fund Erosion and Flood Control projects in Bauchi state

Council's Decision: Stepped Down

6.62 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/FECZM/062 MEMORANDUM ON THE NEED FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA TO UNDERTAKE THE RE-ENGINEERING, EXPANSION AND UPGRADING OF THE NASARA IKU CULVERTS ALONG KADUNA – ABUJA ROAD TO A STANDARD BRIDGE TO ALLOW FREE FLOW OF WATER

Prayer:

Urge Federal Government Agencies to carry out the re-engineering and expansion of the culverts into a standard bridge

Council's Decision: Stepped Down

6.63 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/ECZM/063 INTERVENTION TO REDUCE DAMAGING IMPACT OF EROSION CHALLENGES IN KOGI STATE

Prayer:

Council to urge Ecological Fund Office, Federal Ministry of Environment and other MDAs to assist Kogi state to carry out continuous disaster risk assessment of the State and particularly of LGAs prone to flooding and erosion. In addition, Council should urge federal government to support Kogi state in mapping erosion and flood prone areas in the state.

Council's Decision: Approved. NEWMAP directed to produce erosion mapping of Kogi State.

6.64 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/FECZM/064 INTERVENTION TO REDUCE DAMAGING IMPACT OF FLOODING CHALLENGES IN KOGI STATE

Prayer:

Council to prevail on federal Ministry of Environment and EFO to assist the state Ministry of Environment to carryout hazard mapping of cities and LGAs prone to flooding. Furthermore, Council to prevail Federal Government to prioritize the construction of a dam in the Benue River basin as advised by the post 2012 flood report by World Bank.

Council's Decision: Approved

6.65 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/FECZM/065 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/FECZM/15 INFORMATON MEMO ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NIGERIA EROSION AND WATERSHEED MANAGEMENT PROJECT (NEWMAP) IN AKWA-IBOM STATE

Prayer:

That Council to note that Akwa Ibom State Government is partnering with the World Bank through NEWMAP to check the devastating gully erosion menace in the State.

Council's Decision: Noted

6.66 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/ECZM/066 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/FECZM/17 ACTION MEMO ON UYO URBAN DRAINAGE SCHEME

Prayer:

Assist the state through EFO to complete the Uyo drainage scheme to check the menace of flooding in the city.

Council's Decision: Stepped Down

6.67 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/ECZM/067 FEDERAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT THE NIGERIA EROSION AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROJECT (NEWMAP)

Prayer:

- Provision of a minimum of N500 Million Naira Readiness Fund per State as a take-off and preparatory counterpart fund contribution.
- i. Commitment to provide stipulated 12.9% of total amount of civil works per site for States' participation in the Additional Financing.
 - ii. Political Will/Commitment: States to demonstrate adequate political will and commitment through their State Governors, allowing for regular engagements and readiness to invest State resources towards the scaling up of NEWMAP activities.
 - iii. Institutionalizing the Project (legal backing): Providing legal backing to the Project by institutionalizing NEWMAP at Federal and individual States to ensure sustainability. This will involve upgrading the Project into an Agency.
 - iv. Provision of up-to-date baseline data/information on erosion and watershed management issues in each State. This information should include data in terms of priority of intervention, severity, size of affected population, risk to human life, risk to physical asset, etc

Benefits of approving the above listed Criteria include:

- i. Fulfillment of Subsidiary Loan Agreement between the Federal Government of Nigeria and World Bank;
- ii. Guarantee ownership and sustainability of the project through the institutionalization of NEWMAP at Federal and State Levels;
- iii. ensure prompt release and availability of funds to ensure the effective implementation of activities according to workplans;
- iv. Assurance of continued synergy and buy-in of State Governments.

Council's Decision: Approved

6.68 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/FECZM/068 EMERGING ISSUES IN THE ENVIRONMENT: CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Prayers:

State Ministries of Environment must begin to foster the necessary collaborative engagements with the Local Government Authorities to ensure de-silted drainages.

For assistance from the Federal Ministry of Environment to control devastating erosion menace in the State.

Council's Decision: Stepped Down**6.69 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/FDD/069 INFORMATION MEMO ON WOOD EXPORTS AND CITES IMPLEMENTATION IN NIGERIA****Prayer:**

The procedures for wood exports as regulated by CITES in Nigeria
The need to/for States to further assist in creating awareness among stakeholders.

Council's Decision: Noted**6.70 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/FDD/070 ACTION MEMO TO INCREASE NIGERIA'S FOREST COVER AND REDUCTION OF BIODIVERSITY LOSS, DESERTIFICATION, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND DEGRADATION.****Prayer:**

- (i) Consider the deplorable State of the forests in terms of status (size of biodiversity)
- (ii) Approve the implementation of reforestation and afforestation projects in the country.

Council's Decision: Approved**6.71 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/FDD/071 ACTION MEMO ON THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN FMENV AND BIONAS-MALAYSIA ON JATHROPHA VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA.**

Prayer:

All participating States to give necessary support to ensure the success of the programme in Nigeria.

Council's Decision: Approved

6.72 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/FDD/072 INFORMATION MEMO ON WOOD EXPORTS AND CITES IMPLEMENTATION IN NIGERIA

Prayers:

- (i) The procedures for wood exports as regulated by CITES in Nigeria
- (ii) The need to/for States to further assist in creating awareness among stakeholders.

Council's Decision: Noted

6.73 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/FDD/075 ACTION MEMO FOR CO-FINANCING OF ACTIVITIES OF NAGGW BY ELEVEN PARTICIPATING STATES

Prayer:

- i. Urge the participating States to contribute financially to support the activities of NAGGW.
- ii. Urge States to establish State implementation units, provide technical support and extension services.
- iii. Urge States to provide land and free access to the land by implementation units.

Council's Decision: Approved

6.74 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/FDD/076 ACTION MEMO ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORESTRY SECTOR IN KOGI.

Prayer:

- (i) The need for assistance to improve monitoring and enforcement of forest regulation and law in the State.

Council's Decision: Stepped Down

6.75 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/FDD/077 Action memo on Integrated Management of Aquatic Invasive Weeds in Coastal Areas (Nympha Palms)

Prayer:

Assistance to the State in the procurement of necessary machines for the control of the aquatic weeds.

Council's Decision: Approved

6.76 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/FDD/078 ACTION MEMO FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HIPPOPOTAMUS SANCTUARY IN GOMBE STATE

Prayer:

To assist the State in combating the hippopotamus conflict in State.

Council's Decision: Approved. Details should be worked out on the roles of the State and Federal Government.

6.77 FMENV/11TH/NCE/STATE/FDD/079 ACTION MEMO FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO EMBARK ON AN AFFORESTATION OF INDIGENOUS PLANT IN THE STATE

Prayer:

The Federal Government supply the State with seedlings of indigenous tree species.

Council's Decision: Approved. State to provide logistics and funds to FRIN for raising the nursery.

6.78 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/FDD/080 INFORMATION MEMORANDUM INCLUSION OF THE 36 STATES OF THE FEDERATION AND FCT IN THE MANDATE, PROGRAMMES/ACTIVITIES OF DROUGHT AND DESERTIFICATION AMELIORATION

Prayer:

- (i) That DLDD has very serious impacts on the Natural Resources and socio-economic lives of the people in Nigeria
- (ii) That Global Warming and Climate Change have further increased the vulnerability of the country, hence, urgent measures should be put in place to address the problems of DLDD;
- (iii) That DLDD are serious environmental problems in Nigeria which are also beginning to be experienced in entire country bearing in mind the southwards movement of the desert estimated to be at a rate of 0.6km per annum.
- (iv) That the activities of Department of Drought and Desertification Amelioration to cover the 36 States of the Federation and FCT

Council's Decision: Noted

6.79 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/FDD/081 THE SAHARA AND SAHEL OBSERVATORY (OSS)

Purpose:

- (i) OSS is an independent International Organization with support from the Swiss Agency for Development Coordination;
- (ii) It's focus is to contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD);
- (iii) Nigeria was granted the privilege as an observer member country implementing the project "Resilience Improvement of Sahelian Populations to Environmental Changes (REPSAHEL Project);
- (iv) Nigeria has now adhered to OSS as a permanent member.

Council's Decision: Noted

6.80 FMENV/11TH/NCE/FED/FDD/082 INFORMATION MEMO ON THE COLLABORATION OF FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT WITH WOOD EXPORTERS ON REFORESTATION OF DEGRADED FORESTS. (PILOT SCHEMES IN OGUN, EKITI AND ADAMAWA STATES)

Purpose:

- (i) The existence of the collaboration of Federal Ministry of Environment with Wood Exporters in addressing issues of reforestation of degraded forests.
- (ii) States are to provide enabling environment for the associations by making available 50 hectares of land for regeneration effort.

Council's Decision: Noted

CONCLUSION

The Hon. Commissioner for Environment Rivers State, Prof. Roselyn gave the vote of thanks on behalf of the council members paving way for the Ogun State Commissioner for Environment, Mr. Bolaji Oyeleye to move for the adjournment of the council meeting and was seconded by the Hon. Commissioner for Environment, Abia State.

Council finally adopted the Communiqué and stressed the need for members to ensure that prayers are implemented as contained in the report. The identity of the host of the 12th Council Meeting will be communicated to all members when a decision is taken. Council appreciated and commended the Government and people of Ogun State for hosting the 11th Council Meeting, the warm hospitality extended to the delegates and the excellent arrangements put in place for the successful hosting of the Council Meeting.