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Sola Kolawole and Ropo Egbeleke of TREE Initiative during the Group Work Session on the Draft NAIP2 at the Stakeholders Consultative Meeting on 2017

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Ropo Egbeleke
Group at the



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► INTRODUCTION

The Rural Environmental Empowerment Initiative (T.R.E.E. Initiative) is a registered not for profit, non-political and non-governmental organization (NGO) volunteer based advocacy organization committed to promoting **environmental sustainability** (afforestation, agroforestry, biodiversity, environmental social responsibility (ESR), water conservation and management), **rural economy revival** (food security, right to food, pro-poor planning) and **economic empowerment** (rural livelihood, poverty reduction, gender equality, protection of indigenous people, rights of local communities) in Nigeria.

Climate Change is real, and so are the several debilitating implications which are getting clearer daily.

T.R.E.E. Initiative is of the view that today's response to the devastating effect of Climate Change which has resulted into hunger occasioned by food insecurity, rural poverty, and the escalation of conflict between pastoralist and farmers particular in some parts of Nigeria requires exceptional continuous mandatory awareness programs (CMAPs) to educate the masses on the need to improve their communities. The absence of such exceptional continuous mandatory afforestation advocacy initiatives in communities for instance is directly responsible for the increasing rate of deforestation.

The crux of T.R.E.E. Initiative advocacy programs in 2018 as highlighted in this report is embedded in the social entrepreneurship idea of mobilizing vulnerable communities to take action by improving livelihoods which have been adversely affected by deforestation, and by extension, climate change.

T.R.E.E. Initiative tends to fill the pragmatic advocacy gap that requires educating and mobilizing these communities to understand

climate change, resist indiscriminate deforestation and to protect their environment by planting trees to boost food security and eliminate rural poverty.

Profile of Co-Founders/ Executive Directors of T.R.E.E Initiative



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► FOOD SECURITY

Under the Food Security thematic area of advocacy in 2018 was the rejuvenation of the waning campaign on **Right to Food Bill**. The National Campaign on Right to Food is a policy advocacy campaign led by Voices for Food Security (VFS), a coalition of NGOs in partnership with the support of **OXFAM in Nigeria**. The goal of the campaign is to alter Chapter 4 of the Nigerian Constitution to make 'Food' a Justiciable Right just like other rights in Chapter 4 of the Constitution.

It is important to ensure that "Right to Food" reflects in Chapter 4 as a matter of constitutional amendment otherwise food will be treated by government as mere charity and not as a right as stated in various international treaties and conventions. Despite the support from OXFAM in Nigeria, the Right to Food Bill suffered setbacks in the 6th and 7th Assembly and the same fate awaited the Bill in the 8th Assembly.



Ropo Egbeleke and Sola Kolawole at the activation of Cyber Platoon for #RightToFood Campaign

T.R.E.E. Initiative was engaged to redirect the campaign to generate the desired result based on her approach to advocacy and social mobilization. When T.R.E.E. Initiative designed the public advocacy aspect of the Right to Food Bill campaign, the first step was to create a hash tag (#) for the campaign that will resonate with the public. For more than eight years, the campaign for the passage of the Right to Food Bill by the National Assembly in Nigeria had been under the #United4Food hashtag with the visibility of OXFAM's identity.

The first major step at redirecting the campaign by T.R.E.E. Initiative was to create a new hashtag (#RightToFood) to communicate the context properly to the public while also making OXFAM's identity invisible to forestall any resistance. It is rational that the idea of an international organization funding a campaign that seeks to alter the constitution of a Sovereign State is sensitive and could have a backlash.

For T.R.E.E. Initiative, as far as social advocacy is concerned, messaging was strategic. The word "Right" fits in more into the narrative of the Bill that guarantees the citizens fundamental rights than "United" which depicts the image of appealing for solidarity. Social media accounts were deployed for the campaign to promote a 100 Days schedule for online and offline engagements. T.R.E.E. Initiative believes that the online mobilization cannot be isolated from the offline activities, and offline activities will be a waste without a strong online presence. T.R.E.E. Initiative Cyber Platoons were activated across the country to engage and project the campaign on social media. While the online media campaign was generating traffic and mentions, the offline media engagements did not lag behind. Public mobilization in any campaign is expensive; however, what T.R.E.E. Initiative brings to the table in terms of social capital can save any campaign substantial amount of money.



The approach towards changing the direction of the Right to Food Bill campaign online was also done concurrently offline with an advocacy visit to the National Assembly to escalate and redirect the agitation for the speedy passage of the Right to Food Bill, a bill which has been within the

precinct of the National Assembly over the last 8 years. The coalition was at the office of Hon. Dr. Gyang Istifanus Dung, who is the sponsor of the Right to Food Bill at the Federal House of Representatives. Gyang is a populist and one of the leading lights in the 8th Assembly.



Ropo Egbeleke, Hon. Dr. Gyang Istifanus Dung (The Sponsor of the Right To Food Bill) and 'Sola Kolawole at the National Assembly, Abuja

The coalition was also at the office of Hon. Edward Pwajok SAN., the Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Human Rights to exchange views and solicit his support and that of his committee for the Right to Food Bill. The takeaway from the visit showed a gap in knowledge and perception. There are concerns, which hover around affordability of the bill, the Nigerian factor which plagues government plans and the fear of litigation especially on the side of government. At the core of these concerns is the perennial reluctance of government to be accountable to her citizens.



Ropo Egbeleke and 'Sola Kolawole on the set of Africa Today discussing the #RightToFood at TVC, Lagos

T.R.E.E. Initiative made appearances on Prime time programs on national TV Stations during the 100 Days engagement to discuss and put the bill at the fore of public conversations.



Ropo Egbeleke of T.R.E.E. Initiative on set discussing the #RightToFood Bill

T.R.E.E. Initiative volunteers also engaged incumbents and aspirants running for National Assembly seats on live TV programs. They engaged these people on the programs with questions bordering on the Right to Food Bill particularly as to their disposition to the passage of the Bill before the National Assembly. This is to create awareness among those that matter as well as those that will matter in the determination of the destiny of the Bill.



Ropo Egbeleke and 'Sola Kolawole of T.R.E.E. Initiative discussing the #RightToFood Bill on the set of Kakaaki at AIT, Abuja

The change in direction of the campaign to become an issue of public discourse was unprecedented. T.R.E.E. Initiative at the instance of OXFAM in Nigeria, lead the VFS team on an advocacy visit to the Emir of Argungu as part of the proposed engagement and involvement of prominent Traditional Rulers as champions to impress the importance of the Right To Food Bill on members of the National Assembly.



The visit to the 32nd Emir of Argungu at his Palace in Argungu, Kebbi State was on Thursday 3rd of May, 2018. The team led by 'Sola Kolawole and 'Ropo Egbeleke of T.R.E.E. Initiative, Dominic Samson of Development Exchange Centre included also William Mafwalal, Olumide Ojo, Kunle Olawoyin, Aminat Oladunjoye, Janet Gankon and Lukman Abubakar of Oxfam. Twelve (12) District Heads, several Palace Chiefs and Staff were in attendance. Both print and electronic media crews were with the team at the Palace.



Group Photograph with the Emir of Argungu

The idea of the #RightToFood advocacy visit to His Majesty, Emir of Argungu, Alhaji Samai'la Muhammad Mera, CON at his Palace in Argungu, Kebbi State was an offshoot of the proposition by T.R.E.E. Initiative to redirect and push the #RightToFood Bill campaign in Nigeria by directly enlisting the support and endorsement of some strategic influential traditional rulers by leveraging on their influence to drive the campaign in other to get the bill passed by the National Assembly. Moreover, the Emir of Argungu, Alhaji Samai'la Muhammad Mera, CON is a farmer and former Commissioner for Agriculture in Kebbi State. He is currently the Chancellor of North West University, Kano and also the Co-Chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Nigeria.

Thus, it was considered, that a public endorsement from him is important and strategic to the #RightToFood Bill Campaign.



► AFFORESTATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Local Communities Tree Planting

Community based afforestation (tree planting) advocacy programs were held in 7 local government areas across two states in the south-western part of Nigeria.

However, the goal of T.R.E.E. Initiative is to create awareness, to support communities and mobilize the public to take a stand against deforestation and the depletion of forest resources.



Community Traditional Rulers with Repo Egbeleke, Yinka Adeyemi (Chairman Ajorosun LCDA), Sola Kolawole and Dr. Sola Ogunwande at the Tree Planting Programme

The symbolic flag-off ceremony took place at the premise of an Old Maternity Centre built by the then Western Region Government at Olodo, Ajorosun LCDA, Ibadan in Oyo State with the planting of hundreds of tree seedlings.



T.R.E.E. Initiative Afforestation Team

T.R.E.E. Initiative community based afforestation advocacy program that was first implemented in Ajorosun LCDA is now

responsible for the planting of thousands of different trees species across the seven different local government areas visited.

These Local Governments includes, Ajorosun LCDA, Oriire LG, and Atiba LG all in Oyo State. Others include, Ijebu North LG, Ijebu North Central LCDA, Ago-Iwoye LCDA, Ijebu Igbo-West LCDA in Ogun State. The house to house advocacy campaign in these communities were carried out by T.R.E.E. Initiative community volunteers while the massive tree planting started at the peak of the 2018 rain season across some communities in the Local Government Areas.

Tree Planting at Lead City University in Celebration of International Day of Forest 2018.

Thousands joined T.R.E.E. Initiative to celebrate International Day of Forests at Lead City University. The commemoration of International Day of Forests was held on Wednesday 21st March, 2018 at the Astro Turf Stadium arena of Lead City University in Ibadan, Oyo State. The theme of the event, "Forest and Sustainable Cities" was central to the discussion and engagement for the day. Nigerians were called upon to embrace the practice of tree planting to stop deforestation caused by indiscriminate tree felling without replacement.



'Sola Kolawole and Ropo Egbeleke, Co-Founders of The Rural Environmental Empowerment Initiative (T.R.E.E. Initiative), laid emphasis on the need for continuous engagement of Nigerians on the reality of climate change occasioned by massive cutting of trees, for domestic and commercial purposes. Forests are very important and strategic to human existence, and its sustenance is the only way we can defeat hunger globally.

Barr. Olatokunbo Alase, an Environmental Law Expert and lecturer at the Lead City University also addressed participants at the event citing several environmental laws including the Urban & Regional Planning Act which supports the conservation of biodiversity.

Dr Ayobami Owolabi, the Director of Student Affairs at Lead City University, also urged the students to emulate such initiatives, and said the program was about building volunteering spirit. The event, which was attended by students, also featured tree planting within the institution.



One Student One Tree Project

T.R.E.E. Initiative in collaboration with the Growing Green Initiative at Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH) launched the #OneStudentOneTreeProject with a symbolic tree planting event as part of the one million trees to be planted in the University over the next five years.

This project has a direct nexus to 9 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The project is to establish an ambitious afforestation program which is the first of its kind by any University in Africa.



Under the #OneStudentOneTreeProject, every student admitted into the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at LAUTECH will be expected to plant and nurture at least one tree annually. The target is a wood lot of one million trees and an expansive nursery. The inaugural tree planting event was well attended by the University management and other stakeholders within the University Community. Over a thousand seedlings were planted by Student Volunteers including University Management Staffs to kick-start the project.



Sofa Kolawole, Co-Founder & ED T.R.E.E. Initiative, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. A. S. Gbadegesin and Babo Egbeleke, Co-Founder, T.R.E.E. Initiative at the formal launch, inauguration and take-off of the One Student One Tree Project; a collaboration between T.R.E.E. Initiative and Growing Green Initiative, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at Ladoké Akintola University of Technology, Oyo State, NIGERIA. #PartnershipForTheGoals 06-09-2018



Prof. Babo Egbeleke, Chairman BOT, Growing Green Initiative (GGI) receives a tree seedling for planting at the formal launch, inauguration and take-off of the One Student One Tree Project; a collaboration between T.R.E.E. Initiative and Growing Green Initiative, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at Ladoké Akintola University of Technology, Oyo State, NIGERIA. #PartnershipForTheGoals 06-09-2018

The related Vice Chancellor, Professor A. S. Gbadegesin, commended T.R.E.E. Initiative for collaborating with Growing Green Initiative of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences on the project. Apart from a personal donation to support GGI, the Vice Chancellor also pledged that the access road and bridge linking the tree planting site will be fixed by the end of October 2018, this was in addition to his pronouncement at the event, that the University Management has decided to increase the allotted land area to 50 acres (10 Hectares) up from the initial 25 acres of land approved for the take-off phase.

As part of Climate Action, T.R.E.E Initiative is particularly interested in maximizing the positive effect that the #OneStudentOneTreeProject will have on communities surrounding the University through advocacy and how farmers can benefit from sourcing quality tree seedlings that will be raised by GGI in LAUTECH to propagate the concept of agroforestry.

Workshops and Technical Sessions

Tree Planting and the sustenance of our forests (SDG 15: Life on Land) are directly connected to SDG 1 (No Poverty); SDG 2 (Zero Hunger); SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being); SDG 4 (Quality Education); SDG 5 (Gender Equality); SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation); SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy); SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities); SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities); SDG 13 (Climate Action); SDG 14 (Life Below Water); SDG 15 (Life on Land) and of course SDG 17 (Partnership for the Goals).



On the field Volunteers and University Staff, all planting tree seedlings with the support of experts at the formal launch, inauguration and take-off of the One Student One Tree Project; a collaboration between T.R.E.E. Initiative and Growing Green Initiative, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at Ladoké Akintola University of Technology, Oyo State, NIGERIA. #PartnershipForTheGoals 06-09-2018

In his remarks, the Dean of the Faculty Agricultural Sciences, Professor Olajide Ajao, thanked T.R.E.E. Initiative for considering Growing Green Initiative of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences as her first partner in the national campaign for the #OneStudentOneTreeProject. He assured that the project will be sustained as a Faculty Policy and in essence this will require all students in the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences to plant at least a tree and nurture it until they graduate from the University.

As a result, T.R.E.E. Initiative organized a number of technical sessions using the SDGs to educate students on climate change.



Seventeen Participants lifting up the SDGs Volunteers endorsement cards during the Sustainable Development Goals Communication Session held before the formal launch of the One Student One Tree Project at the Ladoké Akintola University of Technology in Oyo State, NIGERIA by T.R.E.E. Initiative in collaboration with Growing Green Initiative at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. #PartnershipForTheGoals

Preceding the launch of the #OneStudentOneTreeProject, T.R.E.E. Initiative held series of interactive workshop with students in the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at LAUTECH. The Workshop featured a specialized technical session on Climate Change and the Global Goals for Sustainable Development.



The idea behind the workshop was to assist undergraduates to understand and see how they can cascade the SDGs into their academic engagements and future pursuits. Special emphasis was on Life on Land, Climate Action and Partnership for the Goals both of which are central to this project and important as regards afforestation and carbon sequestration.



► SUSTAINABLE RURAL LIVELIHOOD

Save the Shea Butter Tree for Rural Women Economic livelihood

For both the urban and rural poor, charcoal and firewood from trees like the Shea Tree provides an affordable alternative source of energy for cooking. As the production of charcoal from Shea Trees in particular to meet both local and international demand escalates, Nigeria's forest resources is being depleted daily with dangerous consequences including soil degradation, deforestation, desertification, hunger and rural poverty.

Nigeria is one of the largest producers of Shea Butter globally. The Shea Tree grows in about 21 States across Nigeria including, Kwara, Niger, Kogi, Kebbi, Ogun and Oyo States with production in the major producing states dominated by rural women.

The growth in the Shea Butter market presents an opportunity to provide rural women with a sustainable source of income and a route to financial independence. There is an estimated 400,000 rural women currently engaged in the Shea butter business in Nigeria alone and their means of livelihood is now under serious threat.



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Ropo Egbeleke, Executive Director, T.R.E.E. Initiative explaining a point to Mallam Mohammed Sabi Ishak, Hon. Commissioner, Kwara State Ministry of Information while Tope Amujo, Founder, AmuGOLD Foundation and Sola Kolawole, Executive Director, T.R.E.E. Initiative looks on immediately after the 2018 Save-The-Shea Press Conference on the "Indiscriminate cutting of Shea Butter Tree for Charcoal Production and Export" held at the Conference Hall of the Kwara State Ministry of Information, Ilorin, Kwara State, North Central, Nigeria.

While Government's focus has been on developing a strong Shea butter sector for national economic development by sensitizing players in the industry, little is being done in terms of advocacy to stop the indiscriminate cutting down and replacement of Shea Trees used for firewood and the production of charcoal which is now largely exported.



T.R.E.E. Initiative in collaboration with AmuGOLD Foundation, the National Orientation Agency (NOA), Kwara State, Kwara State Ministries of Information, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Nigeria Immigration Service among others kick started the "Save-The-Shea" campaign to sensitize the public on the environmental, health, and economic consequences of cutting down Shea Trees to promote the booming charcoal business.



The Save-The-Shea Campaign flaged off in Ilorin, Kwara State is the first leg of a series of social advocacy that T.R.E.E. Initiative will be executing across the Shea Belt in Nigeria in the next 7 years. The Save-The-Shea movement aim to meet the immediate goal of planting about 2 million improved Shea Tree Seedlings across the Shea Belt by engaging small holder women farmers in clusters. Seedlings will be given to these women to plant and nurture under a comprehensive national plan. T.R.E.E. Initiative will also mobilize Nigerians against the indiscriminate logging of Shea Trees for firewood and Charcoal for export.

Resuscitation of About to Extinct Economic Sources of Livelihood

Since T.R.E.E. Initiative discovered that poverty is responsible for the little resistance from the local communities to timber merchants who cut down trees legally or illegally, we adopted a strategy of resuscitating economic livelihood means that are no longer in vogue but crucial to the economic growth of rural communities. These are sources of economic empowerment that can create jobs particularly for women which in turn will address the poverty situation in rural households and environment.



One of the economic livelihood sources in Akinyele LGA, for instance, which has gone into extinction, is the famous "Akara Kengbe" (Spiced Beans Cake) which is made from processed raw cowpea. Akara Kengbe use to be a popular staple food in some communities in the south western part of Nigeria for many decades. It was a major

source of livelihood for several women who produce it daily and earn substantial income to sustain their families and educate their children. This staple food made out of raw cowpea suffered setbacks when the demand for it dropped as a result of rumors and superstitious beliefs that the enterprise of “Akara Kengbe” is solely done by old women who are labeled as “witches.” It was rumoured that the palm oil used in frying “Akara Kengbe” is usually mixed with human blood. This is similar to the superstitious belief that made many ignorant people cut down trees around their houses some years back with the assumption that “evil spirits and wizards” dwell and hold nocturnal meetings inside grown trees.

T.R.E.E. Initiative believes that a breakthrough in bringing the local government leadership and customary leaders in the communities to participate in this project will not only inspire many other women, both old and young that have the economic means to reconsider going back into the business but it will also create jobs for young people along the value chain. Other women can also create a source of livelihood by serving as distributors from the production points to the other part of the States.

This particular project will be replicated in several other local governments across the nation after the evaluation of the pilot stage at Akinyele LG.

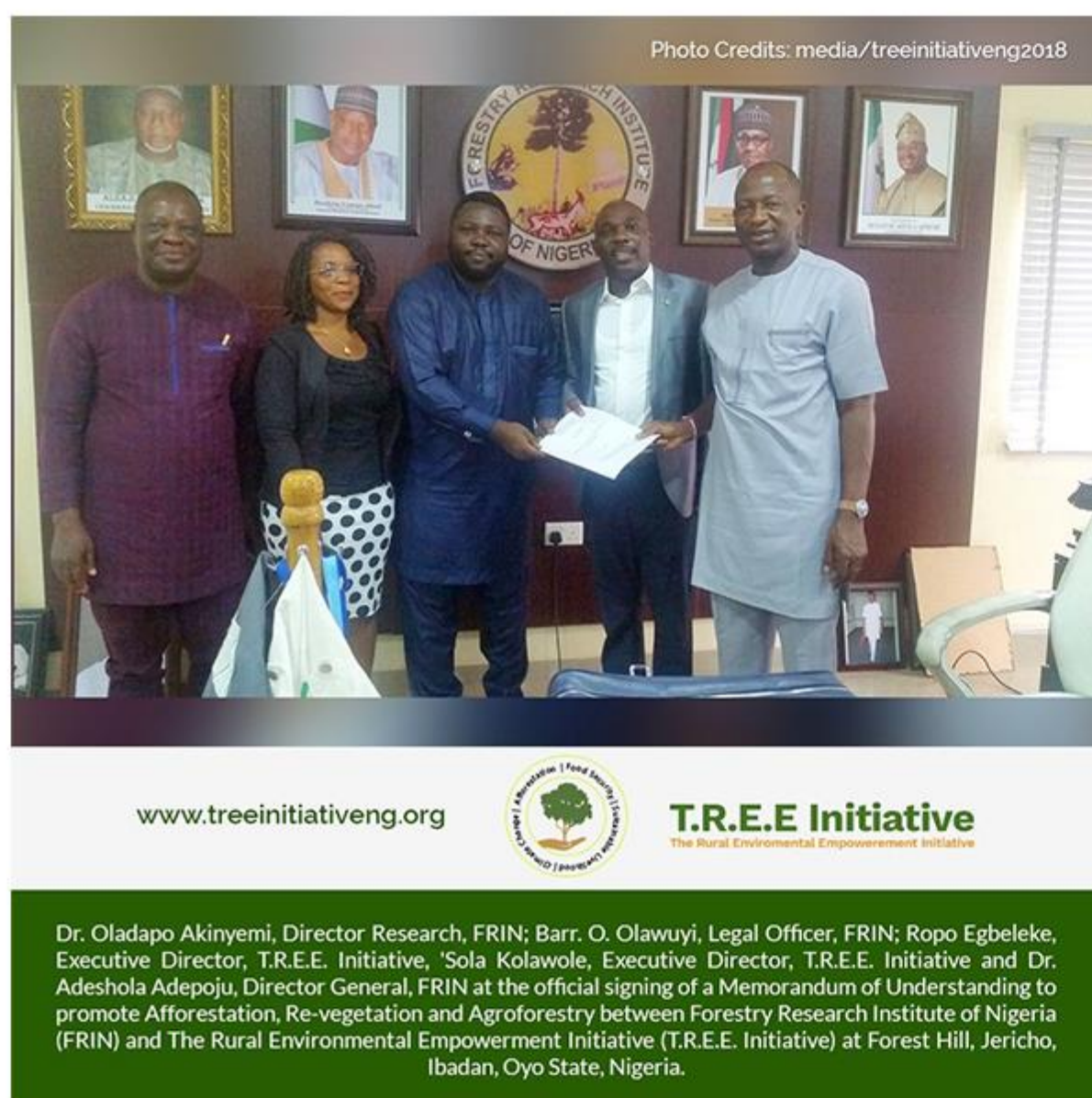


T.R.E.E. Initiative will activate the first stage of the project in 2019. In 2018, 20 women across the local wards were selected for training by the elder women in the community with the indigenous knowledge of making the Akara Kengbe.

► ENGAGEMENT WITH POLICY MAKERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria (FRIN)

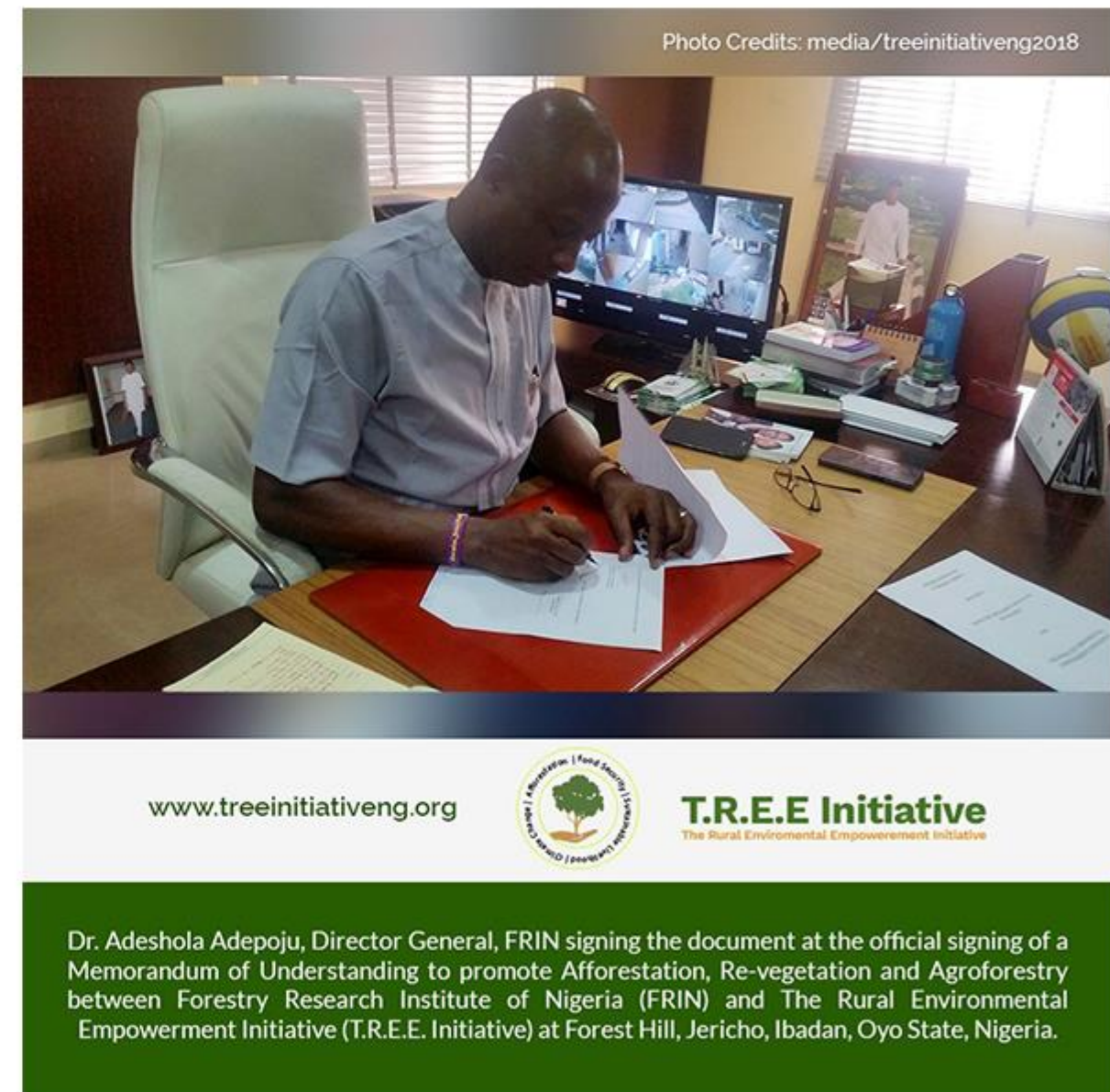
After a year of consistent engagement, The Rural Environmental Empowerment Initiative (T.R.E.E. Initiative), a not for profit, non-government, non-political advocacy organization with interest in tree planting officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria (FRIN) to promote and carry out collaborative activities on afforestation, agroforestry and re-vegetation.



For T.R.E.E. Initiative as an organization advocating for the planting of trees to mitigate the negative consequences of climate change occasioned by massive deforestation in the South and desertification in the North, the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding is another milestone in our climate action advocacy journey. This is one practical demonstration of the 17th Goal of the SDGs which is “Partnership for the Goals.”

As we approach the 2030 date, it is important that we all come together to save our planet for future generations. For countries in the Tropics, it is collaborations like this between sincere

Community Based Initiatives and State Actors that can help solve the climate change debacle and facilitate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.



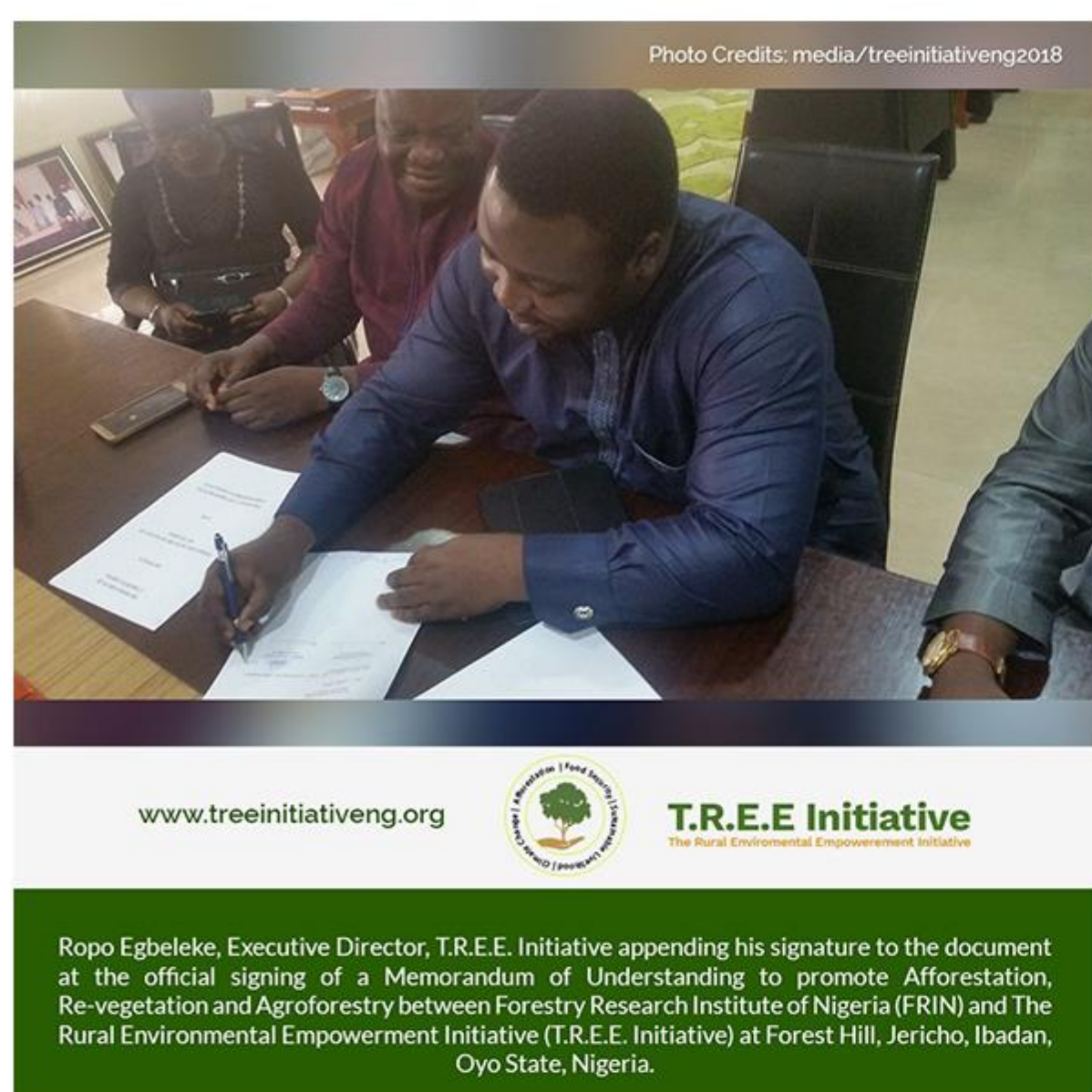
This collaboration consummated between T.R.E.E. Initiative and FRIN is not just about SDG 15 (Life on Land); it has a nexus with 12 of the entire 17 SDGs.

Tree Planting and the sustenance of our forests are directly connected to SDG 1 (No Poverty); SDG 2 (Zero Hunger); SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being); SDG 4 (Quality Education); SDG 5 (Gender Equality); SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation); SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy); SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities); SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities); SDG 13 (Climate Action); SDG 14 (Life Below Water); SDG 15 (Life on Land) and of course SDG 17 (Partnership for the Goals).

In the course of our advocacy, we have discovered, that majority of our people, including the elite class do not know the benefits of trees and forests. Apart from the elementary fact that the oxygen we breathe as humans is produced largely by trees, many are not even aware that the food we eat is a product of the forest.

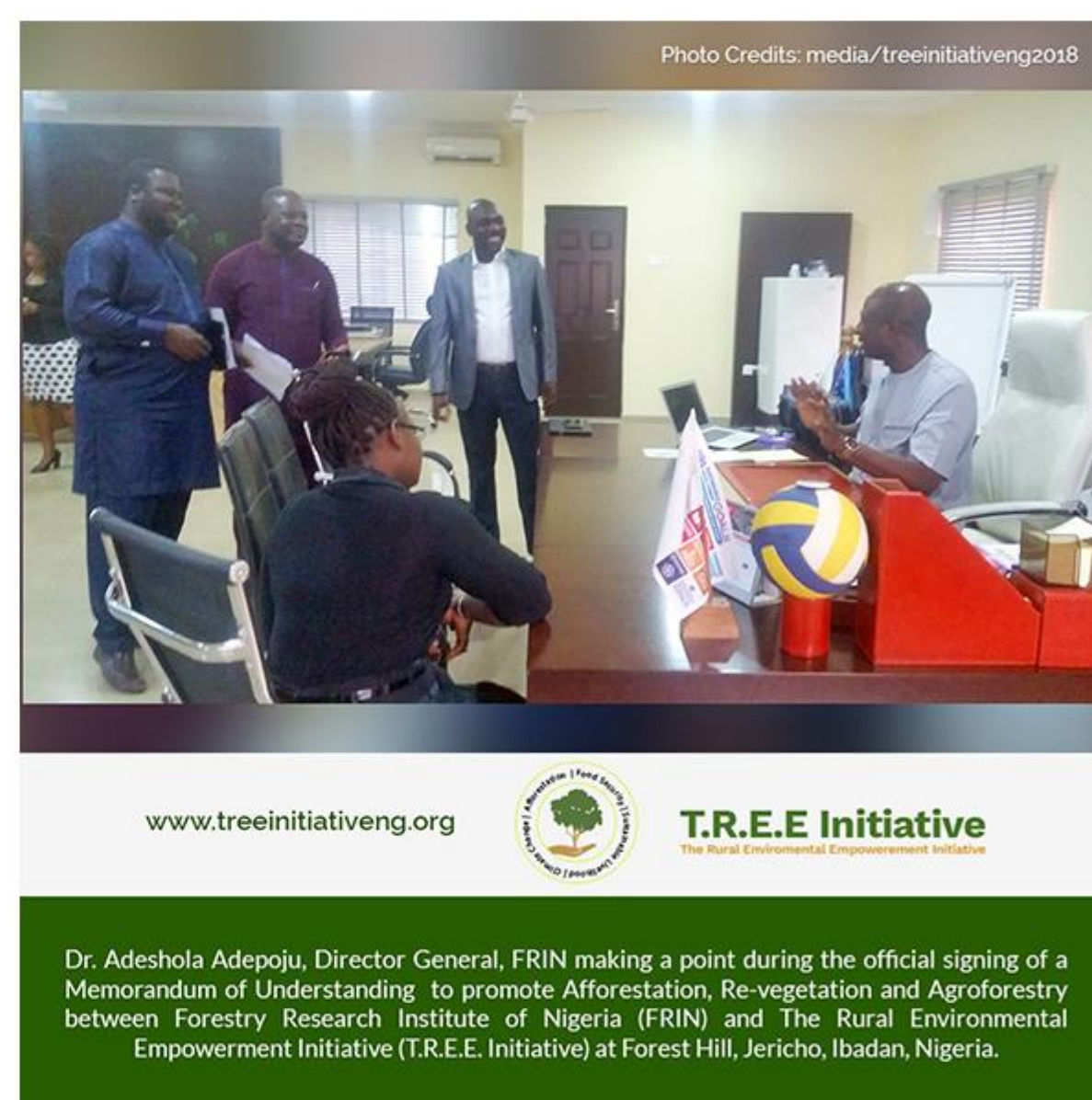


One of our goals at T.R.E.E. Initiative is to plant and nurture about 10 million trees by 2025 via a mix of afforestation programs, farmer-owned agroforestry projects and re-vegetation initiatives to address the combined global challenges of deforestation, hunger and rural poverty.



In all, this collaboration with FRIN will boost our advocacy in our core thematic areas such as Tree Planting, Food Security and Sustainable Livelihood. It will also enable the Nigerian public, particularly communities facing the immediate and direct impact of these challenges to know that the Nigerian Federal Government

through agencies like FRIN is making remarkable progress in the fight against deforestation and desertification.



Collaboration with CSOs, NGOs and Government Institutions in Agricultural Sectors

T.R.E.E. Initiative joined about 56 Organizations and Institutions to ask Government to prioritize and increase budgetary allocation to Agriculture at a Stakeholders Consultative Meeting.

One of the problems that the #RightToFood Bill seeks to solve is the meager funding to the Agricultural sector because food is not a top priority of government. The Nigeria government for instance, sees food as a need and not a Right. The Nigerian National Budget on Agriculture have not at any time exceeded 4% which negates the 2003 Maputo Declaration that required AU Member States to allocate 10% of annual National Budgets to Agriculture to ensure that poverty and hunger is reduced.

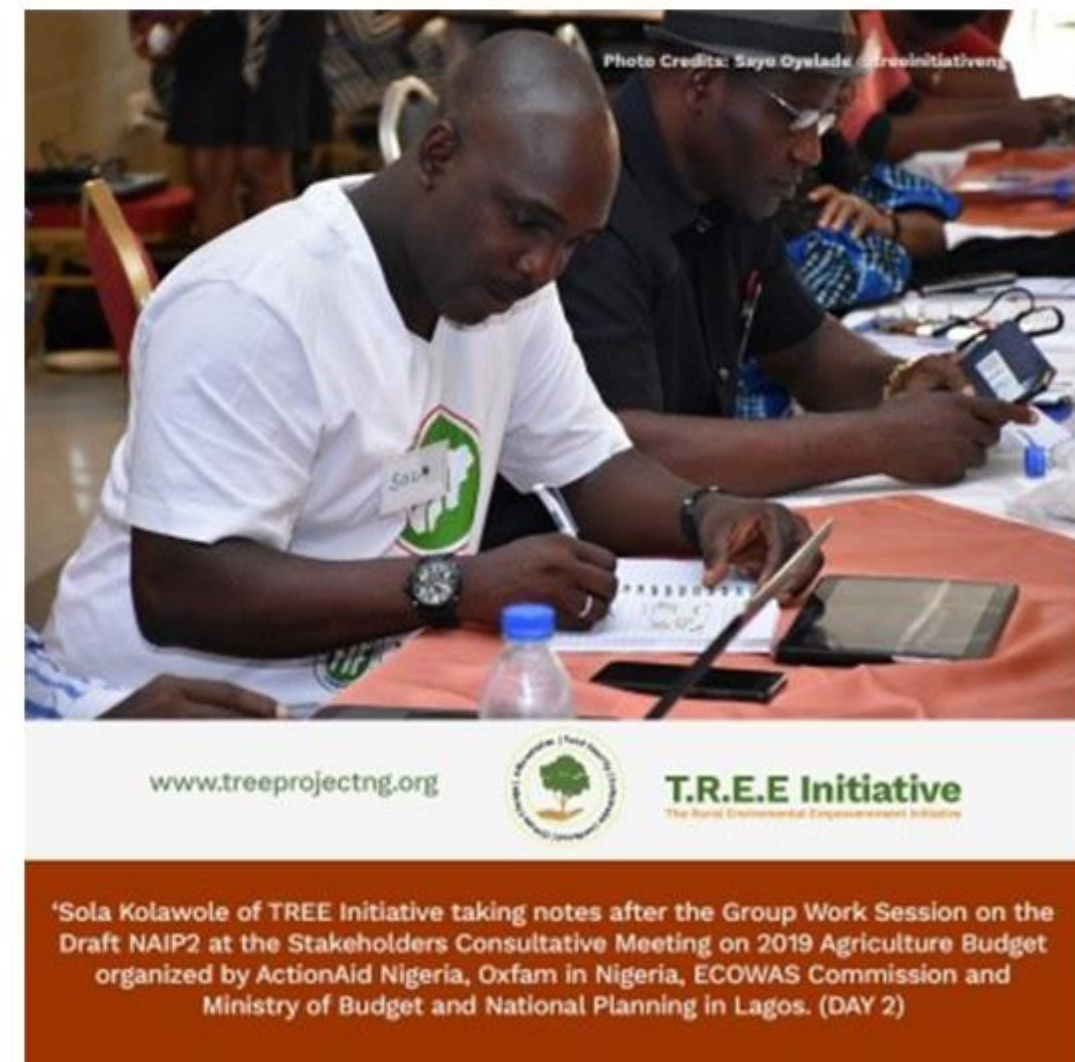


T.R.E.E. Initiative had productive interaction with participants who are stakeholders including staff of MDAs, Farmers' Organizations, Media, Academia, Research & Finance Institutes and other Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Youth groups in a 2-day Stakeholders Consultative Meeting on the 2019 Agriculture Budget.



The essence of the meeting was to facilitate conversations amongst key stakeholders connecting the continental framework, the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) targets and Government intentions within the Agriculture Promotion Policy; to further pre-validate the National Agricultural Investment Plan 2 (NAIP2); to facilitate more citizens' inputs into the 2019 Agriculture Budget, creating ownership, linking and integrating programmes that will help

Nigeria achieve food security, wealth creation and deliverables within the continental CAADP Results Framework and to support effective biennial reporting by Nigeria to the African Union Heads of States and Government in line with the Malabo Declaration and Commitments of 2014.



At plenary discussions and work group sessions, we all identified 10 core issues to be addressed in the 2019 Agriculture Budget, Agriculture Promotion Policy (APP) implementation and preparation for the biennial reporting. A total of 15 key recommendations were made and the next steps are as contained in the communiqué signed by 57 organizations including T.R.E.E. Initiative.

► FINANCE

T.R.E.E. Initiative FINANCIALS

Expenditure Details

(SEPTEMBER 2017 – OCTOBER 2018)

150,000.00	-	Documentations and Registration
450,000.00	-	Web Hosting and Management
550,000.00	-	Airtime & Internet Subscriptions
450,000.00	-	Prints and Photography
800,000.00	-	Materials (T-Shirts, e.t.c.)
695,000.00	-	Transportation (Flights e.t.c.)
1, 255,000.00	-	Hotel Accommodation
200,000.00	-	Meals, Other Consumables
4, 550,000.00	-	Total

A total of N650, 000 was received as cash donation from several friends of T.R.E.E. Initiative between September 2017 and October 2018.

The balance of N3, 900,000.00 is the total amount contributed by the Founders of T.R.E.E. Initiative and outstanding bills for some of the vendors who provided services and materials for the Initiative during the period under review.

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