



## **POP NIGERIA INITIATIVE FEEDBACK/REPORT**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Applying the concept of climate education and advocacy training in local communities will also help build a sustainable solution and network of actors among youths in Nigeria cum Africa. Through climate education, children can become more conscious of themselves and their environment; become aware of the essence of education to the sustainable development of their environment; and advocate for sustainable environmental practices in their society. Through climate education, we intend to achieve a peaceful, green and climate friendly society with a reduction in global warming.

As part of the process to analyze the dangers of climate change, and activate youths as climate actors, leaders and advocate in various communities across Nigeria and Africa at large;

Our major goal: is to promote sustainable environmental practices and livelihood while advocating for low carbon options and responsible production by companies and industries through education, advocacy, and stakeholders involvement.

We believe that climate education would serve as part of the adaptive approach to tackle climate change and promote sustainable society for all human race and living species.

### **FACILITATORS**

- We had great facilitators who shared knowledgeable insight with us during their presentations. We also had the presence of the Ministry of Environment who pledged support for the project and also gave the opening address to all the participants.

**NO. OF PARTICIPANTS:** 30 Representing the six geopolitical zone of Nigeria

### **KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED**

- About POP Movement, the Vision behind it, what they intend Achieving with the Movement
- Recycling and Up cycling, What Different materials can be used to make or can be recycled into
- Leadership, our role as a leader and how to make change as a leader



- Getting Partners, stakeholders and Organization to Support or sponsor a project you are working on
- Team Work, How a Team can achieve a lot.
- Got more knowledge on climate change, Environmental Sustainability
- How to teach climate change through pictogram, art and virtual
- Climate impact in Nigeria, and possible solution to control and prevent occurrence in future.
- Various ways to improve on our environment so as to avert critical climatic conditions.
- Understanding climate change, its effect on the environment and taking responsibilities for climate action.
- Learned about climate change which can result to conflict and the need to urgently address it to resolve the conflicts been faced in Nigeria.
- During the breakout session we discussed about the peculiarity in our various communities and the need for advocacy and awareness in addressing the challenges.
- Learned that in our little way, wherever we are, we should be a part of the solution and not the problem
- Other lessons learnt were leadership effectiveness, up cycling/recycling, engagement with stakeholders, youth mobilization and finally project coordination and reporting.

## **POINT TO NOTE**

- Up cycling and recycling, we were able to differentiate between both.
- Recycling: involves the complete destruction of waste in order to create something new out of it. And it is usually practical. While,
- Up cycling: involves taking the waste and create something new from it in its current state. Just like the example DRISHA PATHAK gave during her presentation. (E. G: How she used plastic bottles to create a container for her boiled point pen.) And it is highly creative and could involve a wide variety of technique and materials to create the finished product
- Creating smart forest. Leadership, advocacy strategy. Making fancy products out of waste. Categorizing environmental waste and it can be conserved so as to protect the environment.
- Climate Change Education, Advocacy and Deliberate efforts need to be channeled to the grassroots so as to bring up a generation that are mindful of the importance of their environment.
- We can achieve more result if we deploy different means/ techniques in advocacy of climate action and as well as community engagements before embarking on any projects.
- Our action on climate change today would predetermine the future of our unborn. However, there would only be a positive impact if we've got fore running leaders.



- Our Climate is our roof, if not well maintained we may extinct from our home (earth). We are to take sole responsibility for our environment as an individual and have our next neighbor see the need to same (leadership by example).
- Everyone is a stakeholder in the fight to Protect our Planet.
- School children can act as climate change ambassadors in their schools and respective communities
- Climate change education is necessary and important for us to solve the world's biggest challenge
- Advocacy strategy for Climate change here in Nigeria. (The support from government, stakeholders etc is limited). And we cannot achieve anything without having support system (backups)

## **SUMMARY**

The Training started on an interesting note as we got to meet up for the first time with Climate Professionals and Leaders/Advocates of Sustainability in the world. It's was really an Impactful training, we were privilege to learn from Great minds at POP Movement, The training started March 23rd by 9am and ended 1:25pm we had 5 Speakers on the first day, and the second day the workshop started by 9am and ended 1:40pm with 7 speakers teaching different sectors on Environmental Sustainability.. The training started by introduction of guest and the welcome address was deliver by H.E the Minister of State for environment who was highly represented and the first session was on Capacity building and breakout session /interaction on peace building which was handle by the POP TEAM and the second session was on conflict resolution, climate education and sustainability and how to teach climate change which were handle by renowned climate activist and question and session was the last agenda of Day One event.

The event continue on day two with the POP TEAM delivery a comprehensive note on the need of Up cycling and Recycling, Advocacy strategy for climate action and another facilitator talk on effective leadership on the first session and the session was delves to how Stakeholders engagement on environmental practice, youth mobilization and the last on was on project coordination and reporting which was handle by the organizer of the training /workshop. The training was aimed at educating young youth volunteers on the need for better a society and by taking up responsibility to protect our planet here in Nigeria. It outlined the roles and duties of the participants in making sure that the visions of POP NIGERIA INITIATIVE is fully implemented in Nigeria. There should be maximum enlightenment on the needs for a safe and reliable climate condition, mitigating the continuous outpour of waste which lead to the current issue against climate. Participants were exposed to ways they can curb the menace of plastic pollution and burning fossil of for a proper sustainable environment and achieving the goal of the UN2030. The training ended on a good note as we all made pledges and resolved to take the lessons learnt from the workshop to our individual localities while hoping that we'd live a greener, more sustainable lifestyle and a better ecosystem in general.

## CHALLENGES

- Government policy, poor basic amenities and sensitization of the global challenges.
- Reaching out to the grass root has become a key issue, not every person are aware of the Climate Action. Through climate education, children can become more conscious of themselves and their environment. This can be done by properly introducing climate education to the students so as enable them approach the issues in tackling the climate change thereby promoting a sustainable society for all habitat.
- Lack of support which might lead to discouragement or demoralization for the volunteer.
- Many people especially in a grassroots community are into refuse burning and indiscriminate waste disposal which is one the major factors that promotes air pollution and plastic pollution.
- Internet data was a huge problem. I expended so much on data and unfortunately, the connectivity was not stable.
- Poor Network and the time during for the training.
- Some of the challenges are poor network, high cost of data subscription, time frame amidst others
- The meeting hours were actually work hours, which had me not fully stable in gaining the ultimatum knowledge given. But I was well feed. Also, mobile data consumption wasn't on a friendly side.
- The Epileptic Network and Coincidental activities were the major challenges faced. The workshop falls within working hours so there were slight distractions from my end.

## RECOMMENDATION

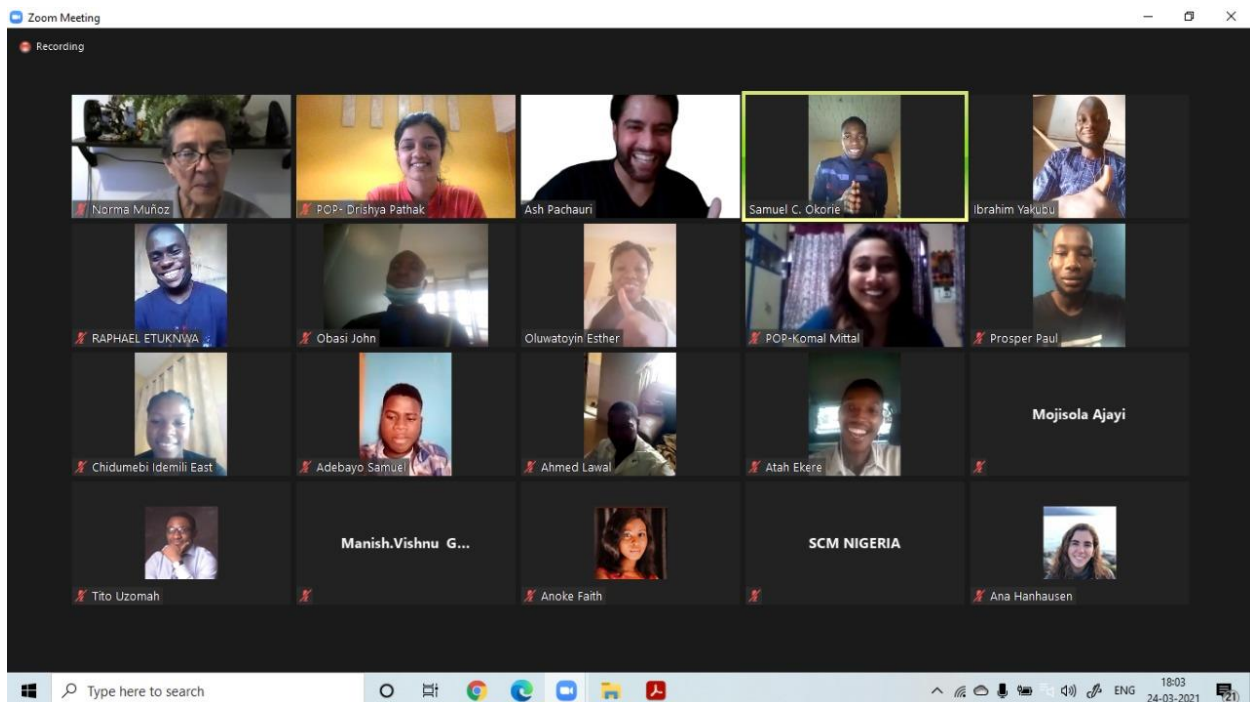
- The training should cover all stakeholders in the country for quick implementation, reason cause at this period it should be more emphasized than ever on the need to safeguard our planet.
- Training should be done often to encourage advocates that they are not alone and for us to know about what others are doing in their communities
- More training and workshop should be done to aid efficiency participants
- Waiting after every 90 days for each Zone to complete their project should be reviewed. This means some regions will have to wait for about a year or more before the commencement of the project. The training is fresh and we have to start doing something as soon as possible.
- Having had an impactful workshop, there should more active short meetings that could keep the energy high and active in other to achieve the lay down goals of the POP Nigeria initiative.

- The training/workshop was exceptional and would recommend that such event should be made readily available for follow up with things missed and materials also available.
- More government personal and business class should be invited to take part in further training.
- There is need to get more hands on deck especially in the area publicity.
- There should be an interdisciplinary and disciplinary research to create an awareness for individuals over the violation of the issue concerning the climate change.
- Proper engagement of community youth and funding to facilitate the initiatives foe better Africans, Nigerians.
- If we could Organized a physical training for Team leaders in the six geopolitical zones in Nigeria, it will really be good, it will let them ask questions get more clarity about the movement.
- And Pop movement should try and work on their publicity, through social media and other means, to be able to get across to much number of people.

## CONCLUSION

Climate change has come to stay, but with a positive energy we can manage this phenomenon appropriately. Reduction of gases (C.F.C), proper use and disposal of refuse to avoid blockade on flowing water. With us, solution to Climate change can be achieved.

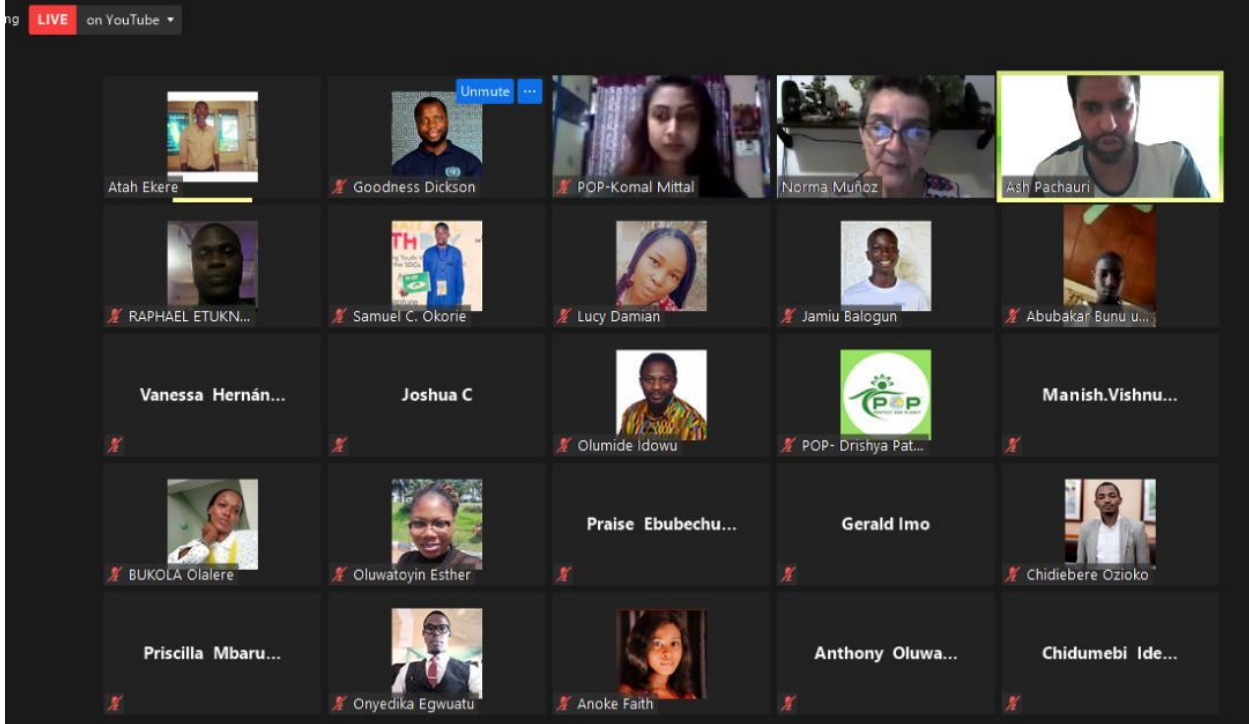
We sincerely appreciate the commitment and effort and of the organizers /partners of the POP NIGERIA INITIATIVE virtual training and workshop which was a huge success. We strongly believe that this is a right step towards making the planet habitable and conducive for everyone and protection of the mother earth.







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