



The organization has been active in promoting the Environment Principle of the Global Compact. The following are details of the activities within the period November 2014-October 2015 Cycle.

A. CARBON CREDIT NETWORK'S GREEN SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

The Carbon Credit Network initiative of SMEFUNDS creates annual anniversary and awards for the agents of green energy/technology deployment in Nigeria. It is used to celebrate the organization's strides in impacting lives, shifting families from using kerosene, which causes health hazards asides accidents to renewable energy products. These products were moved round the country through the intelligent distribution system.

Awards were given to high distribution performers who had demonstrated competence and leadership in several ways including monthly carbon rebate earnings' and scale up of mobilization/ expansion efforts. Awards and prizes included tickets to attend the Abu Dhabi Energy Summit in January, the West African Energy Summit in September and accredited to the UNFCCC COP 21 programme in France.

OUTCOME: The activity was to enlighten Nigerian economic and policy actors on the paradigm shift to renewable energy use for healthier environment and citizens, and strengthen system of scaling green technology distribution in Africa.

B. 'GREEN WALK' ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.

The organization collaborated with some stakeholders including Lagos State Ministry of the Environment to mobilize a health-enhancing public walk called 'Green Walk' to commemorate the 2015 World Environment Day on June, 2015 in Lagos. The walk created awareness from the metropolitan Ikeja Local Government through the long Obafemi Awolowo Way to the Alausa (Lagos Television Pavilion) where the Deputy Governor of Lagos State received the participants. It was a way of committing itself to the cause of environmental protection and safety while observing the day as in other parts of the world. It was also an opportunity to showcase green products as a demonstration of support towards the World Environment Day. Media houses equally covered it.

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OUTCOME: A great deal of awareness was created among the public on the World Environment issues including Climate Change, Carbon Emission and Renewable Energy.

Speeches were made along the way to draw to attention to environmental safety, reducing carbon emission and the introduction of our green energy cook stoves to thousands of households. This was meant to enable homes switch from the use of pollution-causing kerosene stoves

C. TRAVELS, LESSONS AND OUTCOMES

The organization created opportunities for agents of green technology distribution through the Carbon Credit Network to attend energy summits around the world to interact and learn more on issues in climate change and renewable energy. The organization was also in various international for a to report its activities in cookstove, biofuel and solar energy deployment in Nigeria. These for a include the West African Energy Summit in Cote d'Ivoire, ECOWAS Renewable Energy Conference in Dakar, Senegal and the Alliance for Clean cookstove meetings. These were opportunities for capacity building and knowledge sharing.

OUTCOME: The outcome was a more robust climate change engagement across the world and a network that has been growing. Consequently, the use of clean energy technology has grown steadily with over 350, 000 homes using the cookstoves. The business leg has also opened an empowerment window for several women entrepreneurs.

D. GENERAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY MEETING (GBOM) SESSIONS

The organization held monthly business opportunity sessions specifically designed to bring new people into the renewable energy movement and business..

OUTCOME: Many people have been signing up to the climate change and renewable energy movement and clean technology business side while equally increasing the income earning opportunity in carbon rebates.

E. BREAKFAST DIALOGUE ON CLIMATE CHANGE, CARBON EMISSION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

The organization through the Carbon Exchange Trade created an engagement platform in August, 2015 where intellectuals, organizations and businesses interested in climate change and renewable energy solutions, gather to review knowledge and mechanisms of carbon emission reduction and pricing. It has continued to attract professionals and academicians. Mr Innocent Azih of the Carbon Exchange Trade organization is the convener of the dialogue.

OUTCOME: It created and popularized carbon pricing and Carbon Pricing Coalition in Nigeria. It has increased awareness on access to carbon rebate funds and mobilized interest of participants on low-carbon projects.

F. LOCAL AND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

1. Nigerian Alliance for Clean Cookstoves (NACC): The organization is a member and partner to the Alliance's activities in Nigeria meant to popularize the adoption of clean cook stoves away from fossil fuels and conventional kerosene stoves.
2. Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves (GACC): It also partnered the global alliance's effort in the use of renewable energy stoves is being popularized.
3. SHELL: SPDC (Shell Petroleum Development Corporation) – This organization in conjunction with our organization is seeking partner in strengthen the scaling of renewable energy projects in Nigeria particularly in the Niger-delta region where the company has been very active in extractive business, leading to environmental and emission impacts such as oil spillages. The renewable energy initiative involves deployment of green energy cook stoves and biofuel.

OUTCOME: The Corporation will reduce its negative perception in Nigeria and improve the health of the grassroots people, increase their capacity to earn income through carbon credit and improve health conditions of people of their host communities. It will scale SMEFUNDS position as a major player in the renewable energy business.

G. 1WATT SOLAR

This programme empowers small and medium scale businesses who have limited or no access to conventional electricity from public sources. It provides min-grid solar electricity infrastructure to energy-starved businesses and shops on the metered pre-paid basis. 1watt solar partners earn solar credits.

OUTCOME: The small and medium scale businesses are now empowered for improved productivity. Thus was exemplified with the installation of 15KVA solar facility for enterprise owners in the Ikeja Computer Village in Lagos. The market is a major computer market in West Africa.

H. CARBON PRICING COALITION

On August 18, 2015 the organization through its platform, the Carbon Exchange Trade midwife a coalition of organizations including SMEFUNDS, Nigeria German Business Association and the New Nigeria Foundation to form the Nigeria Carbon Pricing Coalition. Under the Coalition, businesses are encouraged to put price on their carbon generated from their fossil-fueled

electricity plants, and trade same on the Carbon exchanges of the world or retrofit their processes to use renewable energy supply.

OUTCOME:

There is increasing awareness on carbon pricing and carbon emission reduction technologies.

I. CARBON CREDIT NETWORK REGIONAL TRAIN

The organization provided a fair-like mobilization of market operators in the various states of the country. It is an avenue to create increased awareness and green energy sensitization across the geopolitical zones of Nigeria.

OUTCOME: The outcome is the multiplication of followers in the green energy programme of the organization and increased following in the climate change mitigation effort as well innovation trainings.

J. CLIMATE KIDS CLUB

The organization in collaboration with iRead created the Climate Kids Club. The objective is to imbibe the knowledge of maintaining the environment into the school pupil early and develop young green ambassadors with passion for protect the environment and cut the greenhouse emission into the atmosphere. The Club was deployed in primary and secondary schools and implemented programs to test the knowledge of these young students about the environment.

OUTCOME: There is increased knowledge and awareness among young school children in the pilot schools.