



ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT INITIATIVE (EDASI)

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Communication on Progress (COP)
Entrepreneurship Development and Support Initiative (EDASI)

Entrepreneurship Development and Support Initiative (EDASI) is a Non-Governmental Organization with a Special Consultative Status of the Economic & Social Council (UN ECOSOC 2017) EDASI was established in April 2012 and domiciled in Nigeria .Our thematic areas of work include Entrepreneurship, Education and Environment.

Aims and purposes of the organization.

Our vision is to educate, inform, motivate and inspire individuals and society to positive inspiration and aspirations, dispel human ignorance, ensure collective and global happiness for the betterment of mankind. EDASI mission is to engage and encourage the unemployed youths and women through capacity building to contribute to social and economic well-being and development of families and communities and support the execution of sustainable development goals (SDGs) in Nigeria, Africa and the Globe. We achieve our objectives through constructive, pragmatic and intellectual engagement in Advocacy, Empowerment initiatives, and Public campaigns, making use of Technology as a tool in solving human problems.

Significant changes in the organization.

EDASI interaction with the United Nations has assisted to improve our governance, policy, strategic information, strengthens our management systems, develops business plan for social return, improves cross-cutting issues and build strong leadership and management skills to actualize our objectives.

EDASI now has members from Switzerland, Austria and United States of America.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations.

a. EDASI creates income generation activities for indigenous women to embark on Cassava processing/Fish/snail Farming & improve on the level of care and support for their children in Karu, Lafia and Keffi local Government Areas of Nasarawa state of Nigeria- this is in support of SDGs 1 and 2 (to "End poverty in all its forms everywhere" , "End **hunger**, achieve **food security** and improved nutrition, and promote **sustainable agriculture**").

b. EDASI creates problem-solving and decision- making skills to help women assess their risk for STI/HIV/AIDS,(BCC youth friendly services , condom programming), take protective actions; and create an enlightenment forum for issues of gender discrimination and rights , promote gender equality, combats HIV/AIDS ,Malaria and other diseases-this is in support of SGS 3 and 5(to "Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages." , "Achieve **gender equality** and **empower** all women and girls.) most especially the Market Women. EDASI empowers women and enable them actively involved in development activities by advocacy and sensitization workshops for community, religious and women representatives and concerned bodies on gender equality, human rights (women's right) and revised family law.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations.

EDASI representatives have continuously attended the following meetings- Annual United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva, High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York. 2018 World Bank Spring Meetings in Washington DC.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies.

EDASI is a member of the United Nations Global Compact since 2013, signed a memorandum of understanding which encourages Deeper Business Engagement at UN Forum on Business and Human Rights and other international meetings. EDASI is a signatory to The Green Industry Platform and the CEO Water Mandate. EDASI promotes the Green Industry Policies and Practices which includes Improving Resource Efficiency, Strengthening Waste Management, Reduce and Eliminate waste Materials, Promote Technology Transfer and Share Best Practice, Green Value Chains and Encourage Green Industries and Jobs in Nigeria). The CEO Water Mandate promotes Innovative Partnerships in Water and Sanitation -(SDGs 6). EDASI is involved in Climate Change Education Advocacy in Nigeria and Smallholders Agriculture, Environment and Climate Change mitigation in Nigeria (SDGs 13).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals.

EDASI observes and commemorates "The International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on the 26th of June of each year, and the World AIDS Day on 1 December of each year in Lafia , Nigeria. EDASI promotes the Digital Literacy Curriculum (Microsoft) and the E-Learning for Kids Program in Nigeria among schools and in rural communities without internet access. EDASI has been receiving capacity building and Training from UNODC Nigeria on Community Drug Dependence Treatment Services in Nigeria (Response to Drugs and Organized Crime in Nigeria) for 2015 to date. EDASI is committed to

Technology - development of climate-friendly modern solutions, such as electro mobility;

Man - solidary and just transition of industrial regions;

Nature – supporting achieving climate neutrality by absorbing CO2 by forests and land, or by water management.

Additional Information.

EDASI is committed to the goals of transitioning economies towards more sustainable modes of consumption and production, greater sustainable energy production and combating climate change in the midst of reducing poverty in Africa.

EDASI expresses continued support for the Global Compact and renewing the participant's ongoing commitment to the initiative and its principles.

Yours faithfully,



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