



## ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT INITIATIVE

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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 2015). EDASI WAS ESTABLISHED IN April 2012 and domicile in Nigeria, Our thematic area of work by impacting Entrepreneurship Knowledge, Education, Environment, Human Right, Civil Accountability by empowering the young people.***

### **Aims and purposes of the organization.**

Our vision is to educate, inform, motivate and inspire individuals and society to wealth creation, dispel human ignorance, ensure collective and sustainable global happiness for the betterment of mankind.

EDASI mission is to engage and encourage the vulnerable and unemployed through capacity building and 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 articulated 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 contact offices and members from **Kenya, Sweden, France, Italy, Spain and United States of America.**

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

- a. EDASI continues to create income generation activities for young people both women and men to embark on Cassava processing/ Fish/snail Farming & improve on the level of care and support for their children in Karu, Lafia, Masaka and Kefi Local Government Areas of Nasarawa State- 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 Business 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 SDGs 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."*). 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- Stockholm+50 and Annual United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva, High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York. Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) and Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) in Vienna. EDASI has continuously participated in the activities of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (**OHCHR**) whose mandate is to ensure universal enjoyment of all human rights, to remove obstacles to their effective implementation, and to enhance coordination and cooperation of human rights-related activities throughout the United Nations system.

### **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) as well as in dynamics of Biodiversity and Loss. **EDASI** support and collaborate with other organizations on SDGs 15 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to "protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss"

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**

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 Abuja, 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 Smart Mobility Initiative
- **Man** - solidary and just transition of industrial regions;
- **Nature** – Advocacy on greenhouse gas emissions from human activities

EDASI will establish contact and engage with Global Compact Local Networks in this regard.

EDASI is right now giving admittance to present day rural data sources and advances (procedures , executes, handling machines, compost, agro-synthetic compounds, further developed seedlings, information) to 100 objective youth and ladies ranchers in cooperatives ,improve their efficiency and increment salaries. The Venture will empower the objective youth and ladies ranchers work on cultivating frameworks through expanded nearby motivating forces (snail/rabbitry/goat cultivating/cassava handling inputs and technologies) and advantages to amplify crop/animal yield and further develop pay. To guarantee natural maintainability in the gas erupting local area of Gwagwalada, 30,000 trees will be planted. The task will reinforce rural worth chain (inputs supply, creation effectiveness through - information sharing, peer audit, coaching, trade visits, esteem expansion in handling and item normalization, showcasing, transportation - information sources and items, customary weather conditions updates and gauge, promotion on mindful cultivating practices.100 target youth and ladies ranchers will get agribusiness advancements bundle, horticultural execution information ,vital correspondence, proficiency , business person and business improvement schooling by means of the Reorientation and Asset Improvement Center (RRDC)that is made. 5,000 local area kids will approach ICT schooling through the Asset Centres(RRDC). (SDGs 1,2,4 &13).**THE GREEN PROJECT OF EDASI** —Sensitize stakeholders about climate change and stimulate 30 local youth and 100 farmers to embark on a reforestation programme using Indian Bamboo , rattan Aloe Vera. (Aloe vera) Chrysanthemum. (Chrysanthemum morifolium) in Lafia , Niger State, Nigeria.

#### **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 participation in all its activities**

*Kindly accept the assurances of our esteemed regards.*

***Yours faithfully,***



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