



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED) 2014

**AFRICAN CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RIVERS WASTE
MANAGEMENT AGENCY ORGANIZES LECTURE/SENSITIZATION**



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As part of activities to mark the 2014 World Environment Day., the African Centre for Environmental Protection (ACEP) in conjunction with the Rivers state Waste Management Agency RIWAMA organized a one day lecture/sensitization/enlightenment programme..

The event held at Herock conference hall in GRA Port Harcourt also featured lecture presentation, speeches by resource persons, Quiz by invited schools and unveiling of the ACEP pet project.



Nuggets From Speakers

“Man is the architect of his environmental problem” - Mr. Christian Idibia (Director of ACEP)

Tree planting is one of the cardinal objectives of the African Centre for Environmental Protection (ACEP) - Mr. Christian Idibia (Director of ACEP)

World Environment Day is a yearly event held every 5th of June to raise global awareness on the need to take positive environmental action. - Mrs Kaine Chinwah (Chairperson of ACEP)

ACEP supports a wide range of projects in these vulnerable areas in Rivers state, particularly in ONELGA, a region hit by flood and other environmental challenges. - Mrs Kaine Chinwah (Chairperson of ACEP)



UN General Assembly declared 2014 as the International Year of Small Island Developing States and to this end the theme for this year's event is **'Small Island Developing States (SIDS) – Raise your Voice not the Flood'**.

Theme is apt because these small islands majorly in coastal cities are home to vibrant and distinct cultures and heritage as well as to rich ecosystems, biodiversity and dazzling landscapes, hence should be protected because they face challenges of climate change, waste management, unsustainable consumption, degradation of natural resources, extreme natural disasters in the midst of overpopulation and continuing industrialization among others. - Mrs Kaine Chinwah (Chairperson of ACEP)



From The Rivers State Environmental Sanitation Authority (RSESA)

The Rivers State Environmental Sanitation Authority (RSESA) Director of Administration, Mr. Ian Gobo commended ACEP for the plant a million tree initiative and the catch them young programme where students from various schools are invited to partake in the WED programme. He said the impacts of human induced climate change, including rising sea levels and increased intensity of extreme weather events, are particularly acute for SIDS and requires supports and a wide range of projects in these vulnerable areas to achieve environmental protection.



Nuggets From President of the chamber, Engr. Emeka Unachukwu in his goodwill message

Port Harcourt Chamber of Commerce has said it will continue to support the activities of its member organization, the African Center for Environmental Protection, ACEP to ensure its goal of enthroning a better environment and mitigating the effect of climatic changes is achieved in the state.

He said as an organization whose cardinal objective is to ensure that businesses thrive within the city, it is imperative to support such invaluable programmes aimed at ensuring that our environments are safer and conducive for businesses to thrive.



Represented by Mr. Larry Azubuke, Director Local Content PHCCIMA

The president commended ACEP for her various initiatives, giving kudos to her tree planting project that aims to plant a million trees by the year 2020. He also lauded her 'catch them young scheme' that tends to enlighten and sensitize our young ones on the dynamics and challenges of climatic changes and solutions. Unachukwu once again reiterated PHCCIMA's resolve in supporting ACEP's efforts at mitigating the effect of climatic changes and achieving a healthy environment.



A Cross Section Of Participants At The Event



HIGHLIGHT OF EVENT

The event featured quiz and award presentation for the visiting schools and presentation of the ACEP pet project which successful students are selected according to the criteria set aside. The benefitting students are expected to attend a 5 day eco programme tour to the USA, where they will visit sites and get imparted with change, ideas and to develop partnership. The programme put together by ACEP in collaboration with an environmental envoy Ed. Chmara is said to be another milestone by the environmental body.





(6th from left) Comrade Tam Konakri (RIWAMA) (Whiteman) Ed Chmara, an environmental envoy, Kaine Chinwa, Chairperson ACEP (Last) Director of ACEP, Christian. Idibia with students and others pose for pix during the WED celebration.



