

1.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND

African Centre for Environmental Protection has Conservation clubs set up in some schools in Nigeria. A major objective of the club is creating awareness of our Environment and the role to play as individuals to conserve it. ACEP is seeking to collaborate with Lagos State Government and seeks your support to set up conservation clubs in secondary schools to impact more lives and promote **Tree Planting, Community beautification and Bio diversity /Farming.**

The theme for **World Environment Day 2016 (WED 2016)** is 'Join the race to make the world a better place '.We have selected the three areas to make a difference. There are three basic benefits of forests; providing a source of livelihood, refuge for many species and clean air for all. Forests are also referred to as 'LUNGS OF THE EARTH' .We would organize the club to carry out massive awareness sessions on TREES and Embark on Tree Planting Projects.

The way our society looks can impact greatly on the well being of the members. Community improvement will be carried out in specific locations. First clean out exercise and then beautification which includes planting of flowers.

There is a present challenge of shortage of food plaguing Nigeria and a sure way to address this is introducing our young ones to farming. A major objective of the Conservation Club is Promoting Biodiversity. In Farming, biodiversity is recognized as essential agriculture. Non sustainable agriculture is destroying life on our planet and so members of the club will become more bio-diverse and sustainable.

Another Major deliverable is the development of a Sustainability Plan for the Conservation Clubs. In the next five to ten years, what will become of the club? Will the club be solely dependent on TEPNG or other Sponsors?

2.0 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

The Core objectives for this Project are:

1. To launch conservation clubs in secondary schools.
2. To promote the concept of bio diversity and initiate the Young Farmers project.
3. To design and implement a Sustainable model for the Club.
4. To embark on Tree Planting and Community Beautification Process.
5. To increase the awareness of members of the community on Climate Change and our needed community action.

3.0 PROJECT APPROACH

PHASE I: – 1 st two quarters of 2016 (Jan- Jun)			
S/N	ACTIVITIES	DURATION	REMARKS
1.	Introduction of Young Farmers Project to 5 Schools. Specific Activities will be engaged on the Farm and School Farms started . -Presentation in 5 schools on the Concept and Organize Visit to Total Farm	January – February (1 st week)	
2.	Workshop for school heads and Teachers on; Biodiversity and Farming Tree Planting Keep it Clean/Keep it Beautiful	One Week (1 st week in February)	
3.	Public Community Awareness Sessions on; Biodiversity and Farming Tree Planting Keep it Clean/Keep it Beautiful	3 week in February – 2 nd week in March)	This is to encourage them to buy into the ownership of project as this is vital to its sustainability and success.
	Engagement of stakeholders to be members of club (women, youths, leaders etc.) in selected communities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slide Presentation on Club Activities • Brainstorming/Interactive Session • Selection of Indigenous Club Coordinators • Development of sustainability Plan for Club 	1 st – 3 rd week in March	This is to encourage them to buy into the ownership of project as this is vital to its sustainability and success.
5.	Commencement of Projects in all 5 communities and others suggested by the club. -Tree Planting -keep it clean/keep it Beautiful	1 st week in April	This will be open to all members of the club.
7.	Club Activities Continues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tree Planting - Faming Activities - Gardening - Clean – Out Activities - Beautification of Schools and it's - 	2 nd week of April – May – June 2016	Part of the sustainability plan is to engage in sustainable club activities as itemised.
8	2016 World Environment Day Celebration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cleanout Programs - Pep Talk on environment - Slide Presentation on the Theme - 	June 5 th 2016	Annual World Environment Day Activities.

CONCLUSION

Environmental Education has to reach down to the community level where changes in behaviour towards the environment will result in having a lasting impact.

By establishing the conservation clubs in schools, there will be a change in community attitude towards the environment and conscious effort will be made to solve Environmental challenges in the State.