



Programme

Niger Delta Development Forum: delivering sustainable and equitable socioeconomic improvement through industrial diversification

Tuesday 23 June 2015 | WP1402

Held at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, London Victoria

This invitation only, high level roundtable aims to build upon the work of the Niger Delta Partnership Initiative and its public, private and civil society partners as they collaborate to promote equitable economic growth in the Niger Delta. What influence will the newly elected Nigerian government have on the region's development over time?

The forum will bring together a wide range of stakeholders and partners to discuss the complex security and economic challenges facing the people of the Niger Delta and will identify new opportunities to work together for the development of the region.

A select group of expert participants will benefit from the inclusive, off the record format to speak frankly about how to fulfil the region's socioeconomic development potential.

The objectives of the meeting are to:

- Evaluate the opportunities and challenges of doing business or investing in the Niger Delta
- Identify tangible steps for instituting new types of collaboration and partnerships for the region's social, economic, and human development
- Outline the means by which partners could establish a more resilient and diversified economy beyond the region's oil and gas sector
- Develop realistic and implementable plans to create a truly enabling environment for regional growth and equitable prosperity for all

The meeting will be conducted in the inclusive style which is Wilton Park's hallmark: expert speakers will set the scene for the first 30 minutes of each session, followed by 60 minutes of roundtable debate with all participants encouraged to share their perspectives in order to deliver tangible outcomes. The discussions will be followed by a report which will act as an aide memoire and call to action for participants, outlining the commitments and next steps identified at the meeting.

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0830-0900

Registration and tea/coffee

0900-0915

1. Welcome and introduction

Kathryn Hingston

Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning

Dennis Flemming

Executive Director, Niger Delta Partnership Initiative (NDPI), Washington DC

0915-0925

2. Ministerial address

James Duddridge

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

0925-1045

3. Unlocking the economic and human development potential of the Niger Delta region: data and diversification

The Niger Delta region is particularly noted for the paucity of data about development priorities and the unparalleled challenges the landscape creates for the creation of partnerships and sharing knowledge opportunities. This initial discussion will focus on the potential of data to transform the development arena in the Niger Delta and will evaluate the opportunities for community empowerment opened up by better information sharing, creation of partnerships and diversification of the region's economy to deliver sustainable growth.

Paul Collier

Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, Oxford

John Crawford

Regional Director, Americas and Sub-Saharan Africa, UK Trade and Investment (UKTI), Glasgow

William Grant

Global Practice Lead, Market Systems Development, Development Alternatives International (DAI), London

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1245

4. Business and investment risks to developing the Niger Delta

Investors seek a predictable, stable and secure landscape for long term growth: how can the Niger Delta region harness the current optimism around the new government's appetite for societal transformation and anti-corruption measures?

- Accountable and independently monitored institutions of governance
- Equitable legislation on land and property rights
- Transparent taxation regimes
- Environmental oversight
- Local content, skills and training

Lord Dr Hastings of Scarisbrick

Member, House of Lords; Co-chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Trade Out of Poverty; Global Head of Citizenship, KPMG International, London

Ousmane Dore

Country Director, African Development Bank (ADB), Abuja

Andrew Sergeant
Senior Partner, Accord Associates LLP, Bath

1245-1345 Lunch

1345-1515 **5. Case studies: delivering resilience through diversification**

Increasing access to energy

Osagie Okunbor

Country Chair, Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Ltd (SPDC), Abuja

Geospatial imagery

Jonathan Shears

Geospatial Services Consultant, Airbus Defence & Space, Farnborough

Agribusiness

Shachi Sharma

Director, Syngenta Nigeria Limited, Lagos

1515-1530 Complete eQuestionnaire - <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WP1402>

1530-1600 Tea/coffee

1600-1730 **6. New capital streams to generate growth and employment**

Based on the information shared in previous sessions, this discussion will focus on where the capital is to fund new growth and catalyse investments in the region. How can investments in the Niger Delta region contribute to balanced, risk-managed and long term portfolios? What sort of risk profile assessments are being done on projects in the region? Where are there opportunities for partnerships?

Uwa Igiehon

Chief Executive Officer, Greenpark Petrochemical Company, Abuja

Roland Janssens

Deputy Managing Director, Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund, Frontier Markets Fund Managers (FMFM), London

1730-1815 **7. Commitments, outcomes and conclusions**

Kathryn Hingston

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1815-1930 Drinks reception