

REPORT OF THE VALIDATION WORKSHOP ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ASSESSED/ANALYSED NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND REGULATIONS IN NIGERIA HELD AT THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE ROOM, GREEN BUILDING, PLOT 14 AGUYI IRONSI STREET, MAITAMA FCT ABUJA ON 23RD MAY 2023.

1.0 ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / REGISTRATION

The arrival & registration of participants from all the relevant MDAs started at about 10:30am.

2.0 OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was moderated by the MC of the occasion Mr. Samuel Adeyemi [DD (SAE)], with the second stanza of the National anthem. This was followed by the introduction of guests to the high table, as well as self-introduction of all participants present.

3.0 OBJECTIVE

The objective of the workshop was to validate the assessed National Industrial Environmental Policies and Regulations document and approve appropriate recommendations for industries in alignment to ISOs within the thematic area of Resource Efficiency and Cleaner Production (RECP).

4.0 ATTENDANCE

The workshop was attended by fifty-eight (58) participants. The attendance sheet was gender segregated, which recorded 26 females and 32 males drawn from 19 Federal and State Ministries, Departments and Agencies, members of the press, NGOs and industrial sector representatives. The female representation in this workshop is 44.8% as against 55.2% for male representation. Please see Annex I, for on-the-spot attendance list.

5.0 WELCOME ADDRESS



Mr. Olubunmi Olusanya [Director (PC & EH)]

The welcome address was delivered by Director I, Pollution Control and Environmental Health Department (PC & EH) Mr Olubunmi Olusanya. He welcomed all participants to the validation workshop and emphasized that the aim of the workshop is to validate the analysed Industrial Environmental Policies and Regulations in Nigeria. In his recaps, he reminded the participants that the document being validated today was a result of analysis/reviews of Industrial

Environmental Policies and Regulations, inputs, and recommendations arrived at the

previous workshop hosted by the Federal Ministry of Environment on the 7th – 8th of September 2022 involving relevant RECP stakeholders. The emphasis is to strengthen the overall National Energy performance, Resource Efficiency & Cleaner production policies and regulatory frameworks towards the adoption of environmental policies and sound management systems geared towards achieving ISO14000 series in Nigeria. The document is being presented today for its adoption and validation by all the stakeholders. He appreciated GEF & UNIDO for their continued financial support of the project, and to all stakeholders for offering their full support & active participation throughout the project. He finally called for all stakeholders to offer their earnest support towards the adoption and support of the document and wished all a successful deliberation.

6.0 OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Jean Bankole, UNIDO's Country Representative and Regional Director for West Africa represented by Mr. Yomi Banjo, Environmental Expert, Regional Office for Nigeria, and West Africa. delivered the opening address. He appreciated all the stakeholders for coming for this meeting even with the face of so many challenges. He



Mr. Yomi Banjo, Environmental Expert

said RECP is the efficient use of material resources, chemicals, and energy by industries as well as the minimization of their wastes & effluents including reducing green gases. He said Cleaner Production will aid in resource efficiency, environmental management and social enhancement aimed at community development, making it a WIN-WIN project. He also went to state that this project if successfully implemented will not only improve

the quality of our environment but also the productivity and profit of the country's industries. He said UNIDO hopes to develop and improve the capacity of the organized private sector and train over 500 experts on RCEP & IEE. He said they are hoping that this project will spore National RECP centres across Nigeria, which will in turn promote a Circular Economy. In conclusion he thanked the RECP working Group for ensuring the success of the project and promised that UNIDO will continue to provide all support that the working group requires and finally wished all a successful deliberation and declared the meeting opened.

7.0 GOODWILL MESSAGES

7.1 National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA)

Mrs. Effiong Victoria presented the goodwill message on behalf of the Director General, she said they were delighted to be part of this project as it serves to ensure the effective & efficient smooth running of their activities and wished all participants successful deliberations.

7.2 National Oil Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA)

Mr. Abdul Osagede on behalf of their Director General also appreciated the house for being given the opportunity to be part of this project which is aimed at ensuring a safe environment and wished all participants successful deliberations.

7.3. INDUSTRIAL TRAINING FUND (ITF)

Mr Otega Akpobrise on behalf of their Director General ITF, said this project is in line with their mandate of capacity building hence the project is of immense benefit to them & the nation at large and wished all participants a successful deliberation.

8.0. BRIEF BY THE RECP WORKING GROUP ON THE STATUS OF THE NIGERIAN GEF-UNIDO PECP / IEE PROJECT & ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL RESOURCE EFFICIENCY CLEANER PRODUCTION CENTER (NRECPC)

The presentation was made by Engr. Morgan Chigbo. He first appreciated UNIDO for their laudable support of this project and gave an overview of the project. He further highlighted the progress made so far during the project within the thematic area RECP activities, which are as follows:



Engr. Morgan Chigbo

- ❖ Analyses/assessment of Environmental policies to produce regulatory framework and appropriate recommendations for industry in alignment to ISOs and gender dimension.
- ❖ Development of methodologies for the mapping of resource use and waste hotspot generation in industries.
- ❖ Mapping and data capture of resource use, including water, chemicals as well as waste to produce resource use and waste hotspots and generate appropriate recommendations.
- ❖ Development of database of industrial resource consuming and waste producing enterprises
 - ❖ Identify the training needs of environment regulators
 - ❖ Organise and conduct Training of Environmental Regulators
 - ❖ Development of new regulatory manual to guide industrial relations of the regulators

9.0 GROUP PHOTOGRAPH



Cross section of group photograph of all participants present.

10.0 TEA BREAK

After the group photographs there was a brief break of light refreshment.

11.0. PRESENTATION BY THE PROJECT CONSULTANT ON THE OVERVIEW OF THE ASSESSED / ANALYZED NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

This activity was undertaken by Mrs Oluwagbuyi Kithan. In her presentation the following point were highlighted especially on the key policies we have across all the sectors in Nigeria in order to determine if they will ensure the sustainability of the RECP project. They include:

- ❖ To providing the informational basis for harmonizing the institutional and policy framework of the Resource Efficiency and Cleaner Production in the Nigerian Environment sector, as a precondition for increased investments. Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) deploying the UNIDO's standard RECP Technical Assistance (TA) package, entails continuous application of preventive environmental strategies to processes, products and services in order to increase efficiency and reduce risks to humans and environment.
- ❖ The promotion of RECP as a tool to improve competitiveness and efficiency, and to protect the environment;
- ❖ The creation of conditions and incentives that stimulate businesses to implement efficient technologies and apply preventive environmental practices;
- ❖ The optimization of the use of natural resources and raw materials, and the minimization of emissions and their impacts;

- ❖ Reward for good environmental performance and innovative as well as proactive approaches;
- ❖ The minimization of behaviours and practices that lead to the exclusive application of end-of-pipe technologies.

Finally she stated that there is no single correct way to develop RECP policy. Every country must develop its own approach reflecting local priorities and objectives, political traditions and specific needs.

11.0 REACTIONS FROM THE PRESENTATIONS MADE

Reactions were raised as follows:

- Representative of Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel said her Ministry was not cited as a major stakeholder considering the vital role they have to play in this project.
- A participant also called for a harmonised standard for Resource Efficiency by SON, NESREA & NOSDRA in order to protect the ground water from contamination and making it efficient.
- Representative of NEPZA suggested that the industrial waste generated by these industries can also be directed towards generating power for the country.
- Mrs Peniel Bakare (Manager Compliance) recommended that the RECP working group should consider helping the Industrial sector to maintain & convert their waste into energy.
- Dr. Ganiyat Abebayo (SON) suggested the alignment & harmonization of the standards on Eco-labelling by African Regional Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO) before putting up the 12 list of items that need to be listed on products.
- Mrs Joy Odeje (FMOJ) suggested the exemption of VATs for firms or sectors that refine their waste.
- Mrs Estehr Udo (Federal Ministry of Mines & Steel) enquired on how the mining sector will further improve Cleaner Production as well as issues relating to carbon emission and sensitization of operators on cleaner production.
- Malam Yusuf Yabo (FMLE & P) in his observation said its very important for this project to be properly implemented and the need of policy makers other stakeholders to add the project into the national budget in order to further improve the sensitization programmes of the project.

12.0 FINAL DISPLAY OF THE ASSESSED/ANALYZED NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND REGULATION DOCUMENTS FOR APPROVAL AND VALIDATION

After many deliberations and reactions raised, the document was adopted and supported by the following stakeholders:

- ✓ Engr Raymond from Nigeria Integrated Water Resources Management Commission moved for the adoption for the document.

- ✓ Mr from Environmental Council of Nigeria seconded the motion for the adoption of the document.



Engr. A. A. Oyewole (DD HCE)

13.0 CLOSING REMARKS / VOTE OF THANKS

Engr A. A. Oyewole [DD (HCE)], thanked all for their full participation and vibrant contributions. He commended UNIDO, PMU and IEE sub-project Working Group for their contribution towards making this workshop a success. He promised to ensure that RECP WG shall put all comments into consideration. He finally appreciated everyone’s contribution and promised that the Working Group shall carry all stakeholders along throughout the implementation of this project and wished everyone safe journey back home.

14.0 LUNCH BREAKING / CLOSING

The validation workshop came to an end at about 3:15pm with lunch and final departure of participants.

14.1 Photo Gallery



Registration point



Members of the High Table



Cross-section of Participants present at the validation workshop























Comments, questions and answers setion



Goodwill Messages by some stakeholders

ANNEX I. ON-THE-SPOT ATTENDANCE LIST

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