

Resolution Concerning the Niger Delta Union.

For decades, the Niger Delta region has been plagued with several issues such as exploitation, environmental degradation, health issues, human rights and socio-economical abuse to make a few. These issues include but are not limited to oil spills, gas flaring, unemployment, poverty and insecurity. Failure to address these issues has caused immense suffering to the people of the Niger Delta region and has affected the country's economy. Hence, the Niger Delta Peoples Movement has found it essential to come up with this resolution that will help address these issues and bring sustainable development to the region, which will in turn benefit the country at large.

1. **Eliminate the Ministry of Niger Delta:** The Niger Delta is the only region in Nigeria that has a federal ministry which is filled up with corrupt political practitioners and their allies that work with the Government of Nigeria to allocate funds to the region and then loot the same funds and share it amongst the ruling political Party and their allies. Alternatively, this ministry of Niger Delta could be merged with the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to help avoid duplication of ministry and wastage of economic resources that should be put to better use to develop the people of the region.
2. **Sustainable Economic Empowerment and Infrastructural Development:** The Federal Government of Nigeria must invest in creating jobs and providing opportunities for the People of the Niger Delta Region. The government must provide training and education to the people to help them acquire the necessary skills to be self-sufficient and economically independent. Investment in agriculture, fisheries and other viable industries must be implemented. The government must also invest in the development of critical infrastructure such as roads, hospitals, schools and clean water supply. These would help improve the standard of living of the people and attract investors to the region.
3. **Security:** The government must provide adequate security for the People, properties, businesses and God's given resources of the Niger Delta region. This will help address the issues of insecurity and promote peace and stability in the region.
4. **Environmental Remediation:** The government must take immediate action to clean up the oil spills polluted areas in the Niger Delta region. The oil companies, contractors and associates operating in the region must also be held accountable for their actions and be made to remediate the damage they have caused. This will help restore the ecosystem and improve the health and well-being of the Peoples of the region.
5. **Community Participation:** The government must involve the local communities in the decision-making process and ensure that their voices are heard. This will help promote transparency and accountability in the management of the region's resources.

Declaration proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948 (General Assembly resolution 217 A) as a common standard of achievements for all peoples and all nations states in Article 7 that; All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.

This calls for the government, oil companies and every local community's concerted effort in resolving these issues. We the Niger Delta Peoples movement will work with every stake holder in the region to

work on the recommendations stated above to address the key issues and promote sustainable development in the region.