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RESTORATION + DIGNITY

**HOMEF'S Review of
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Knowing HOMEF

HOMEF is an ecological think tank and advocacy organization promoting environmental/climate justice as well as food sovereignty in Nigeria and Africa. Our work is rooted in solidarity and in the building and protection of human and collective dignity.

We believe that neoliberal agenda driven by the globalization of exploitation of the weak, despoliation of ecosystems, and lack of respect for Mother Earth thrive most because of the ascendancy of enforced creed of might is right. This ethic permits the powerful to pollute, grab resources and degrade/destroy the rest simply because they can do so.

HOMEF recognizes that this reign of (t)error can best be tackled through a conscious examination of circumstances by which the trend crept in and got entrenched.

HOMEF's work track is continuous political education that examines the roots of exploitation of resources, labour, peoples, territories, nations and regions. Through this, HOMEF contributes to building of movements for the recovery of memory, dignity and harmonious living with full respect for the natural cycles of Mother Earth.

Our work tracks are Fossil Politics, Hunger Politics, Ikike, Community and Culture, Communications and Research.

Our Vision

An ecologically just world where all beings live in harmony with Mother Earth.

Our Mission

To build ecological knowledge, propagate re-source democracy and support wholesome socio-ecologically cohesive communities where people live in solidarity and dignity.





OUR KEY OBJECTIVES

Build Knowledge

Enhance Social Justice.

Enhance participation for change in environment and resource ownership/governance (ownership is critical to good governance and the usurper of ownership cannot implement governance). We work to propagate re-source democracy.

Maintain The Dignity Of The People And The Planet.

Build Solidarity

Our Project Area



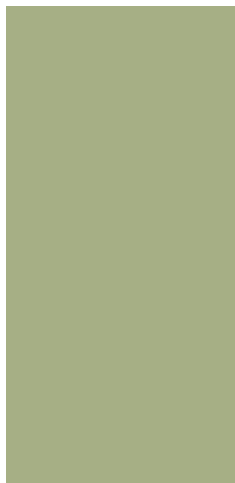
Fossil Politics

(climate justice, environmental governance, eco-cide etc.)



Hunger Politics

(food sovereignty, biosafety, forests and biodiversity)



Ikike

(arena for contestation of ideas and knowledge generation)



Communications, Research & Publications



Community and Culture and TYEN



Our Tools

- **Community Diagnostic Dialogues and Workshops**
- **Ecological Defense**
- **Knowledge Instigation (Sustain-Ability Academy, School of Ecology, Conversations and Learning from the Wise)**
- **Trainings and conferences**
- **Popular direct actions**
- **Litigation**

Our Advisory Board

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Environmental health campaigner and philanthropist activist, USA.

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Our Fellows

Our fellows provide a store of knowledge, wisdom and experience to inspire our peoples and to provide intellectual resources and backstopping in the areas of our work. Here's the full list:

- 1. Pablo Solon (2013)**
Former Ambassador of Bolivia to the United Nations/climate justice advocate (Bolivia)
- 2. Monica Griefahn (2013)**
Sociologist and former Minister for the Environment in the German State of Lower Saxony. Co-chair of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation (Germany)
- 3. Noble Wazdah (2013)**
Environmental Justice Activist (Ghana)
- 4. Firoze Manji (2014)**
Dental surgeon, editor at Daraja Press and pan-Africanist (Kenya)
- 5. Baba Aye (2015)**
Labour Activist (Nigeria)
- 6. Vandana Shiva (2015)**
World renowned environmentalist, physicist, philosopher, feminist and author. Right Livelihood Laureate (1993) (India)
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- 8. Hilma Mote (2016)**
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- 9. Alyn Ware(2017)**
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- 10. Nkoyo Toyo (2017)**
Gender activist, politician and ambassador (Nigeria)
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Professor of Literature, writer and political activist (Nigeria)
- 13. Ikal Angelei (2017)**
Environmental justice advocate (Kenya)
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Gender, development and environmental activist (Nigeria)
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Lawyer and campaigner on pastoralism (Nigeria)

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Lawyer, Human rights campaigner and Right Livelihood Laureate (2011) (Chad)
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Academic and environmentalist (Nigeria)
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Dalit social activist and human rights defender (India) Rights Livelihood Laureate (2006)
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Professor at University of Cordoba, Argentina, Biologist and environmental activist (Argentina) Right Livelihood Laureate (2004)
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Biologist, environmental and political activist, Right Livelihood Laureate (2009) (Democratic Republic of Congo)
21. **Hans Herren (2021)**
Entomologist, farmer and development specialist. Co-founder of Biovision, Switzerland. Recipient of the World Food Prize (1995) Right Livelihood Laureate (2013)
22. **Ibrahim Usman Jubril (2023)**
a Nigerian traditional ruler and administrator. He is the 12th emir of Nasarawa Emirate and was the minister of state for environment between 2015 and 2018
23. **Bubaraye Dakolo (2023)**
His Royal Majesty, King Bubaraye Dakolo, the Ibenanaowei of the Ekpetiama Kingdom in Bayelsa State is a well-read and traveled writer.
24. **Ifeoma Malo (2023)**
a Nigerian lawyer working in international development. Advocate for clean energy technologies, and energy access and climate change mitigation and adaptation across Africa.
25. **Asume Isaac Osuoka**
coordinator of Social Action International, an organisation promoting resource democracy and the human rights and livelihoods of marginalised communities in West and Central Africa.
26. **Niyi Osundare (2023)**
A Nigerian poet, dramatist, linguist, and literary critic. his poetry is influenced by the oral tradition of his Yoruba culture.
27. **Bishop Matthew Hassan Kukah (2023)**
a Nigerian Catholic priest, scholar, and human rights advocate, curr

- ently serving as the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sokoto.
28. **Emem Okon (2024)**
Executive Director of the Kebetkatche Women's Development Center, a field catalyst for grassroots action in Africa.
 29. **Otive Igbuzor (2025)**
The Founding Executive Director of the African Centre for Leadership, Strategy & Development (Centre LSD).
 30. **Inibehe Effiong (2025)**
a Nigerian human rights lawyer, activist, social commentator, and litigation lawyer. He is the legal adviser of the African Action Congress.
 31. **Tobechukwu Onwukeme (2025)**
Is a computational designer and member of the multidisciplinary research group Forensic Architecture - a laureate of the Right Livelihood.
 32. **Amara Nwankpa (2026)**
Director General Sheu Yar'adua Foundation, thought leader and global public policy expert,

HOME Note

Restoration and Dignity are two words that easily go side by side. One births the other and this is the dream for the Niger Delta as well as other regions across the world where extractive activities leave communities dispossessed and abandoned.

Our work in 2025 emphasised the urgency of needed action for restoration of degraded ecosystems and of the dignity of the people who depend on these ecosystems.

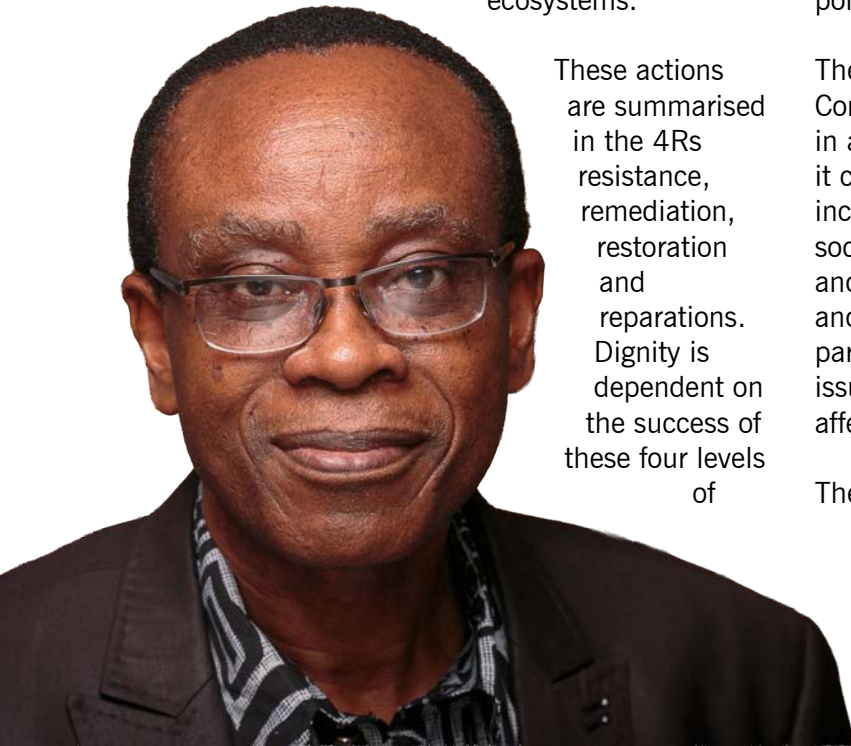
These actions are summarised in the 4Rs resistance, remediation, restoration and reparations. Dignity is dependent on the success of these four levels of

action. Working towards fair reparations for harms and the exploitation suffered by Africans and peoples of African descent over the years must be on the front burner of policy discourse and actions.

Our annual events - the Niger Delta Alternatives Convergence, the Nigeria Socio-ecological Alternatives Convergence and Biosafety/Agroecology Conference provided space for stakeholder engagement, policy discourse and actions mapping.

The National Socio-Ecological Alternatives Convergence for example was the second in a series that started in 2024 and it creates a platform for stakeholders including those from the government, civil society, academia, social movements, and communities to share knowledge and engage in meaningful dialogue and partnership on the overarching ecological issues and socio-economic challenges affecting Nigerian communities.

The Convergence developed a strategy for



improving policy and providing a multi-stakeholder roadmap to address the lingering socio-ecological crises. The national agroecology conference brought together key actors in the agriculture space including farmers, researchers, civil society organisations, youth and women's groups, policy advocates and the media for a day of dialogue, knowledge exchange, and strategic planning.

The conference showcased and discussed the current state of agroecology and organic agriculture in Nigeria; fostered collaboration among farmers, civil society organizations (CSOs), government ministries, academia, and the media; identified policy gaps and opportunities to scale agroecological and organic practices and exposed false solutions to the food and climate challenges.

At COP 30 in Brazil, we witnessed the continued denial of the root cause of the climate crisis. We joined movements across the world to march for, and demand socio-ecological justice and to uphold the rights of indigenous peoples and communities.

We launched the campaign to Ogonise

and Yasunise the world, which showcases lessons from the Ogoni people of the Niger Delta, Nigeria and the Waraoni people in the Yasuni territory of Ecuador. Both territories successfully ended fossil fuels exploration and exploitation. "Ogonize and Yasunize the world" is a call for the protection of territories with natural or cultural diversity threatened by serious environmental impacts such as from oil and gas extraction, open cast mining, and other mega-projects.

In this report, we share with you our stories of impact, and special reports from across our various desks.

Our demand for restoration and reparations deepens and continues as we look forward to year 2026 with renewed strength, vision and strategy.

Read on!

Nnimmo Bassey
Executive Director

Stories of Impact

A. Hunger Politics

This track uncovers the actual causes of hunger and the false solutions peddled to address it. We promote food sovereignty through community led agroecological principles and practice, while exposing the false premises of food aid and its exploitative and contaminating linkages.

The year 2025 saw a continuation of our major projects on Promoting Nigeria's Biosafety with support from Bread for the World, Transforming Africa's Food Systems to Sustainability supported by the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa as well as on Strengthening Climate Resilience through Agroecology Research and Advocacy - supported by Agroecology Fund.

A new project was launched within the year - with focus on resisting destructive industrial animal farming in Nigeria.

Promoting Nigeria's Biosafety

Key impact activities included 4 sessions of practical training on agroecology in farming communities - Uyo Afghan Nkan, Awa Ibom State; Gabasawa, Kano State; Bakasi, Cross River State and Ibadan, Oyo State respectively.

These sessions amplified the knowledge of participants on key principles and practice of agroecology including practical demonstration of how to produce organic fertilisers and pesticides. Discussions on GMOs resulted in unanimous decision and calls to the government for a total ban in Kano and Cross Rivers States. Farmers in Uyo Afghan Nkan who had previously rejected GMOs are now managing a demonstration farm to showcase the viability of agroecology.

In February, we hosted the Sustainability Academy session on Food Justice and Restoration with students and lecturers at the University of Benin as well as community/farmer groups and government representatives.

The highpoint of the lecture expertly delivered by Dr. Nnimmo Bassey was the call for restoration in food justice focused on healing, reconnecting communities to their land and other resources through agroecology and the dismantling of systems of colonization, slavery, and discrimination which have deeply impacted access to food and food systems through land grabbing, loss of indigenous knowledge, forced labour and focus on cash crops for export.

Other major engagements in the project included the National Symposium on GMOs which brought together about a hundred key food systems actors including government officials on the need for an immediate ban on GMOs following the heightened conversations on the subject on social media. A national rally organised in December condemned the continued approval of GMOs and specifically challenged the National Assembly to effect the recommendation by the House of Representatives in 2024 to halt the

importation of GMOs and carry out an investigation on the approvals so far as well as the recommendations by several experts calling for a ban on GMOs during the Hearing organised by the House of Representatives in 2024.

Transforming Africa's Food Systems to Sustainability

The major objectives of this project are for increased preference for healthy, local and culturally appropriate food which we contributed to through an online campaign in May 2025, the National Food Festival, production of podcast as well as the story telling workshops in December. In July we organised the National Agroecology conference that brought together various agroecology and other food system actors in Nigeria to synergise knowledge and strategy for promotion/adoption of agroecology policies and practice.

The third and important objective is to support an increased push for the adaptation and adoption of favourable food policies nationally and regionally. We contributed to this through advocacy engagement with the Department of Agriculture at the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security. We are also



working collaboratively with Corporate Accountability and Public Participation Africa to prepare a draft agroecology policy at state level beginning with Ekiti State.

Strengthening Climate Resilience through Agroecology Research and Advocacy

A major pillar in this project is the Participatory Action Research designed to uncover key barriers to the adoption of agroecology in Nigeria, existing climate change adaptation strategies implemented by communities as well as recommendations for policy reforms to mainstream agroecology. This was carried out in November/December with a policy

paper and research report produced as key outputs. This project also supports the set up and management of the agroecology demonstration farm in Uyo Afgha Nkan. The farmers are in the process of setting up a cooperative for proper management of the farm and to ensure sustainability.

Resisting destructive industrial animal farming/establishment of JBS in Nigeria In partnership with World Animal Protection, Youth in Agroecology and Restoration Network and HEDA Resource Centre, HOMEF and Environmental Rights Action implemented this campaign to promote awareness on the destructive impacts of intensive animal farming and

the proposed large -scale investment by JBS. This objective was significantly achieved through a series of activities and campaign including two sessions of media training (Abuja and Lagos), two sessions of stakeholders' workshops (Calabar, Abuja) and a sensitisation rally that culminated in an advocacy visit to the Federal Ministry of Livestock Development.

B. Fossil Politics

Through this work track, we investigate Nigeria's massive dependence on fossil fuels and build from the power of the communities who subsidize this perverse industry and who suffer gross despoliation. We champion a just transition from fossil fuels energy to renewable energy in a way devoid of distractions by technofixes that depend and thrive on the status quo.

Partnership for the Ocean

Our engagements for the year started with a stakeholders' workshop on the State of the Ocean. This event, held in February 2025, brought together oceanographers, researchers, community representatives, government agency representatives, policy experts, maritime unions/workers, artisanal fishers and vessel owners in Africa to chart a course for analyzing the state of the oceans in Africa and co-design holistic recommendations for informed safeguards. The event enhanced collective understanding and the need to monitor and report on waterbodies in Africa. Strategic alliance was formed between HOMEF and relevant oceanography institutes and stakeholders in Africa.



Alternatives for Socio-Ecologic and Economic Transformation

The 4th edition of the Niger Delta Alternative Convergence (NDAC) was held in May 2025 in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State. The NDAC was established by HOMEF and other CSOs in 2022 as a Pan-Niger Delta forum for conversation, strategic decision-making, and action towards addressing the key socio ecological concerns of the region and restorative justice. It is a vital space for the peoples of the Niger Delta including ethnic nationalities, thought leaders, traditional institutions, academics, CSOs, CBOs, faith-based organizations and community people to converge and have conversations around critical issues

(environmental, ecological, sociocultural, livelihoods, climate change, insecurity etc) in the region and together proffer practical recommendations that will restore the despoiled environment and the dignity of the people.

The 2025 edition featured the launch of the Ogonize and Yasunize campaigns to inspire community organising and resistance against cataclysmic extractive activities. In our struggle to have community-centered just energy transition we believe that the primary focus must be to keep fossils in the ground, and this requires bold actions.

One approach is to learn from communities

and territories that have successfully waged resistance against corporate giants and their allied political structures. The Ogonize and Yasunize campaigns champion learning from the Ogoni people of the Niger Delta and the Waraoni people in the Yasuni territory of Ecuador both of which successfully stopped the destructive exploration and exploitation of oil in their territories.

The second edition of the Nigerian Socio-ecological Alternatives Convergence (NSAC) held in July 2025 established that Nigeria's environmental crises stem from a combination of factors, including a long history of reckless mineral exploitation, unregulated and poorly planned urbanisation and industrialisation, weak policy development and ineffective implementation, as well as the growing impacts of climate change.

The event underscored the urgent need for coordinated action, inclusive governance, and the enactment and implementation of sustainable policies to address the escalating environmental issues identified to be desertification, deforestation, biodiversity loss, climate change impacts, hydrocarbon pollution, and water pollution.



The convergence attended by over 250 participants demanded among other things that the government must respect the Rights of Nature and assign personality and value to critical environmental assets, and improve our handling of these environmental assets, drawing insights from the examples of Ecuador, Bolivia, Ethiopia, and South Africa.

Strengthening Regional Collaboration for Climate Justice

In July 2025, we organised the inaugural session of the West Africa Climate Justice Movement (WACMo) whose objective is to bring together countries of West Africa to deliberate on issues affecting the region and draw up strategies to tackle them. Each member country shared experiences of their climate justice struggles and made commitments to the joint regional action plans. The session which had delegates from Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Togo, and the United States of America concluded with a unified call for systemic, people-centred solutions to the climate crisis, rejecting false market-based, profit-driven schemes and corporate led interventions. Also, the gathering strengthened Pan-African solidarity, setting

the stage for a bold, justice-driven agenda ahead of COP30 in Brazil.

Expanding the FishNet Alliance

The FishNet Alliance - a network of fishers engaged in and promoting sustainable fishing practices in line with ecosystem limits - was set up in 2017 to unite fishers across the coast of Africa. In 2025, the Alliance expanded to Tanzania, Kenya, Philippines (South-east Asia) and Brazil increasing membership by countries to 17 countries.

C. Ikike

Our mission through the Ikike desk is to arm Africans (young activists, students, policy makers, community people, farmers, fishers, media, and academics) with grounded knowledge on environmental/ climate justice, socio-ecological and human rights issues that will enable them resist oppression, make decisions and policies in favor and protection of Africa and African people.

The year 2025 called us back to the core of our work: dignity as a lived experience, restoration as a political demand, and the reaffirmation of people's agency in shaping ecological futures. It was a year of deep learning and sharpening clarity, a year in which communities, scholars, and activists confronted the crises shaping their realities and reimagining what collective wellbeing could look like.

Within this landscape, our Ikike work track found renewed purpose and coherence; it rediscovered its pulse as a space where justice, wellness, and power are interrogated and reclaimed. It was a year that reaffirmed that the heart of Ikike is not only about convening and curricula, but

about reshaping how people think about justice, wellness, and power.

A Year of Ecological Reawakening: Three Schools, One Arc of Transformation

To reflect the theme Restoration and Dignity, the year's three Schools of Ecology were intentionally designed and sequenced as a single arc of transformation. Each session carried forward the lessons of the previous one, creating a continuous movement from understanding harm, to confronting structures, to reclaiming agency.

1. Ecological Justice and Resilience – Restoring Meaning

The first School of Ecology set the tone for the year. The session on Ecological Justice and Resilience drew together community people, scholars, and activists to interrogate the lived impacts of climate change, extractive pollution, food system disruptions, and the erosion of wellness. Participants explored the climate – extractivism – wellbeing nexus, examined the psychology of loss, reflected on food and identity, and identified ways to anchor dignity in everyday community life. A key insight emerged; for communities to take ownership of resilience pathways, technical subjects must be simplified and made



accessible.

2. Recovering Oil Sacrifice Zones – Restoring Territory

The learning journey deepened with the School of Ecology on Recovering Oil Sacrifice Zones, convened in the heart of the Niger Delta’s extractive frontlines. While the first session restored meaning, this one restored memory; it resurfaced collective memory of harm, resistance, and the enduring right to live in a clean and healthy environment. Participants examined political ecology, Environmental Impact Assessment processes, divestment dynamics, evidence gathering, and the Niger Delta Manifesto for Socio-Ecological Justice.

The mapping exercise, which illustrated

red, yellow, blue, and green zones across the region, made visible the “disappeared” landscapes and revealed interlinked patterns of ecological and social harm. By the end, Eco Defenders and other Scholars had strengthened capacity for environmental monitoring and broadened their strategies for demanding remediation and reparation. The session reaffirmed a critical fact that restoration must begin with truth telling.

3. People’s Power for Climate Action – Restoring Agency

The arc concluded with the School of Ecology on People’s Power for Climate Action. This session embodied the full spirit of Ikike; strength, courage, dignity, and the refusal to be silenced. It focused

on political ecology, grassroots organizing, environmental rights, and the political character of climate debates. Participants confronted false solutions, interrogated the governance systems that shape climate choices, and identified strategies that center justice, community power, and collective organizing.

This final School sharpened political consciousness and strengthened collaboration between students, community members, and activists. It gave participants not only knowledge but ideological clarity and renewed energy to resist corporate capture and champion real climate action. Together, the three Schools formed a single narrative of restoration: restoring understanding, territory, and agency. They positioned 2025 as one of the most coherent and intentional years of praxis within the Ikike Desk.

D. Community and Culture

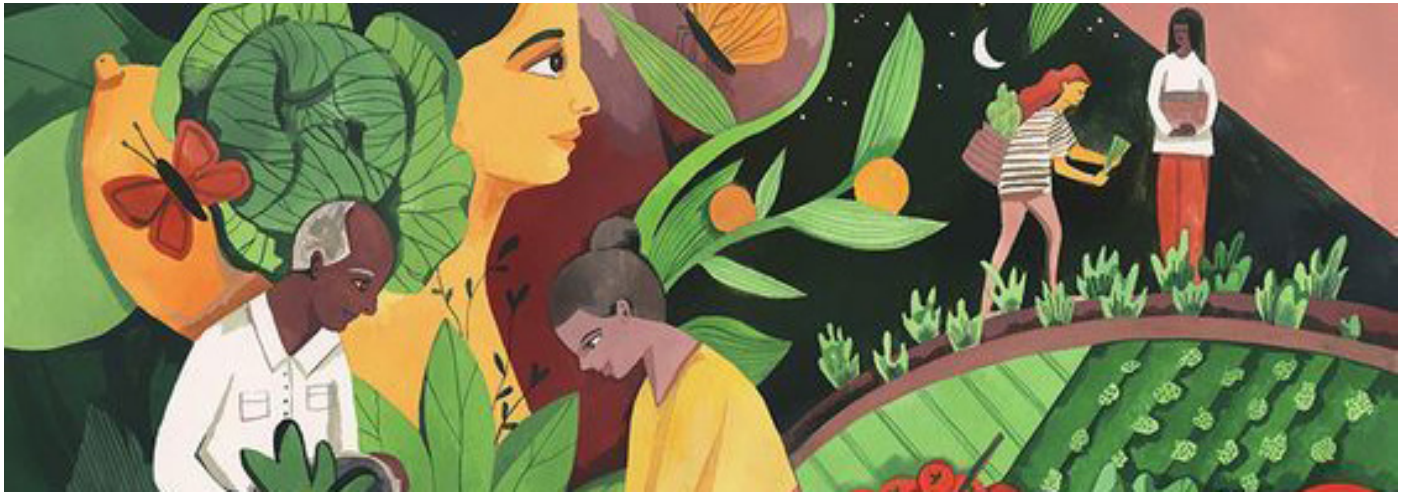
Our Community and Culture track exists to build wellness in communities and mobilize and accompany them in their transformative pathways. This is a movement-building track that utilises art and other cultural modes of learning, sharing, and living to create the change we want to see in the world.

In 2025, we consolidated and expanded our engagement across Niger Delta communities. The desk delivered strategic interventions aimed at strengthening grassroots capacity, enhancing cultural resilience, and promoting environmental justice.

Environment and Culture Series

We conducted nine sessions of the Environment and Culture series, comprising of three sessions of Movie Day, three sessions of Book Day, and three sessions of Poetry Day. Through the Environment and Culture series we build people's consciousness on the use of cultural tools to build resilience and resistance that will bring about wellness.

The events featured distinguished



environmental writers, authors, and poets, such as Prof. Tanure Ojaide (Poet), HRM. King Bubaraye Dakolo (writer), Iquo Diana Abasi (Poet), and Prof. Nduka Otiono (writer and poet). The platform served as a space for critical engagement with environmental literature and artistic expression.

The film/documentary sessions included screening of *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, *Fatsani*, and *Eating Our Way to Extinction* with each movie chosen for its relevance to environmental justice, resilience, and community.

In addition to increasing awareness on

the use of cultural tools for environmental defence and resilience building the Environment and Culture Series increased students/youth and community engagements on environmental justice issues.

Community Dialogue

In October 2025, we organised a 2-day dialogue on Just Energy Transition through the use of cultural tools at Owewve community, Ughelli North Area, Delta State. The dialogue amplified the need for an urgent and just energy transition from fossil energy to an energy system that is people-centred and deeply rooted in the culture and practices of the local

communities. The community people got an understanding of what the Just Energy Transition(JET) was about, their role as community people in the JET, and how cultural tools can be used in building resilience and resistance against extractive activities in their communities.

The community demanded that the government should conduct massive sensitisation campaigns on the Just Energy Transition for communities, including direct engagements between governments, oil companies, and communities in transition planning. They call for the integration of all community sectors into energy transition plans.

Youth Action (The Young Environmentalist Network -TYEN)

Throughout the year, the TYEN desk consolidated its role as a youth-led platform driving environmental education, climate justice advocacy, and creative engagement across tertiary institutions, secondary schools, and digital spaces. While several activities were carried out over the year, the following interventions stood out for their depth, reach, and long-term impact.

Expansion of TYEN Clubs in Tertiary Institutions

A major milestone for the year was the establishment and strengthening of TYEN Clubs at the tertiary level, marking steady institutional growth and continuity.

TYEN successfully deepened its presence at the University of Port Harcourt, making it the second university, after the University of Benin, where TYEN has built a strong, active, and recognisable footprint. We supported the inauguration and early activities of the TYEN Club at Uniport; we engaged students in conversations around climate justice, food systems, and

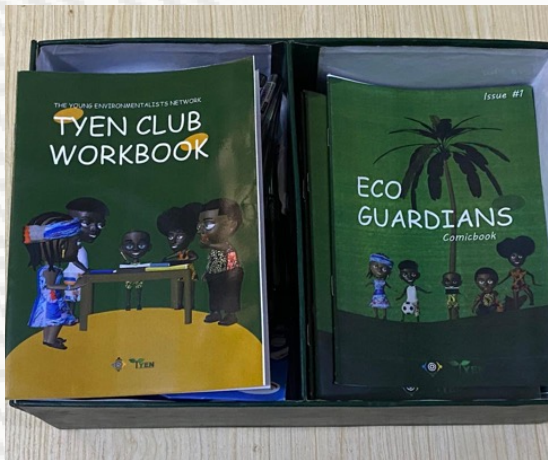
youth responsibility. These strengthened peer-led environmental organising within the university space. The Uniport club

represents strategic growth at the tertiary level, positioning TYEN to influence young adults who are emerging leaders, professionals, and decision-makers.



Growth of Secondary School TYEN Clubs

Alongside tertiary expansion, TYEN sustained its secondary school engagement, reinforcing early environmental consciousness through continued activities with existing school clubs, expanded outreach to St. Mary Secondary School, Akwa Ibom State, and introduction of environmental discussions, participatory learning, and club-based engagement. The inclusion of a school in Akwa Ibom State reflects TYEN's commitment to balanced growth across education levels, ensuring environmental awareness begins early and is sustained through youth development stages.



World Environment Day 2025 — Creative Advocacy & Media

To mark World Environment Day (June 5), TYEN organized a creative workshop focused on filmmaking and plastic pollution, using media as a tool for environmental advocacy. The workshop featured storytelling, as well as discussions on plastic pollution and everyday environmental responsibility. TYEN produced a parody episode featuring the anonymous “Eco-Therapist”, which resonated strongly online, combining humor, relatability, and environmental messaging to reach audiences beyond physical spaces.

4. “No Back Up Plan” — Creative Climate Campaign

Building on its creative advocacy approach, TYEN planned, shot, and released the official video for No Back Up Plan (a TYEN Song). The project engaged youths in a fun, participatory production process and demonstrated how music and visuals can communicate urgency around climate action while remaining engaging, youth-friendly, and shareable. The video was deployed as a sustained digital climate advocacy campaign tool.



Agroecology Workshop — Ecocamp & Ecofestival (Flagship Highlight)

The Agroecology Workshop, held during the year's Ecocamp and Ecofestival, stood out as the flagship TYEN intervention. Centered on the theme “My Food Is African,” the workshop connected food, culture, land, and environmental sustainability while integrating storytelling, creative expression, and group collaboration. The workshop deepened participants’ understanding of agroecology not just as farming practice, but as an identity, as a tool for resistance, and environmental justice, leaving a lasting impression beyond the event.

The year marked a phase of strategic growth and consolidation for the TYEN



desk. By grounding environmental education in creativity, culture, and youth leadership, TYEN continues to build a resilient movement of young environmentalists equipped to drive change at community, institutional, and digital levels.



E. Communications, Research and Publications

Communications is the conduit for the generation, dissemination, and management of uncovered knowledge, thought-provoking inquiries, and insightful learnings to our primary target audiences, namely the public, government officials as well as Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs).

This work track enables us to accelerate the transformative changes that HOMEf seeks to bring about in Nigeria and Africa at large. Our activities encompass research and documentation, data analysis, external communications, media relations, social media content creation, writing, editing, and publication distribution.

Our areas of engagement include the website, podcasts, video documentaries, vlogs, policy papers, books, newsletters, and our quarterly e-magazine — the eco-instigator.

Our theme for the year 2025 was Amplifying HOMEf's Vision and Building

Powerful Alliances. We expanded and strengthened HOMEf's partnerships with new and existing allies to enhance their understanding of our work and expand our reach.

We recorded new followers across our social media pages. In February we launched our X-space conversations and successfully held six episodes in 2025. Our Podcast channel, Voice of Mother Earth featured 16 episodes.

In addition to our monthly news bulletins and quarterly Eco-instigator, we had eight news productions and twelve editions of Ikike Digest on HOMEf TV. Our Ikike Digest Show is a TV Show where we spotlight key environmental issues and events happening locally, regionally and globally. We also had 11 episodes of Words on the Street at COP30 where we advance the ideas and solutions of indigenous peoples and communities from around the world during the COPs.

We produced four documentaries titled: *Washed Away: Human Cost of Climate Change; Impunities in the Oil Fields; Toxic Legacy; and Ken Saro-Wiwa- Thirty Years After.*

[Links to Eco-Instigator Editions in 2025](#)

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Selected Press Releases

1. CSOs Back Suit Against Unjust Divestment

A coalition of civil society organisations – Social Action Nigeria, the Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF), the International Working Group on Petroleum Pollution and the Just Transition in the Niger Delta (IWG), the Bayelsa State Non-Governmental Organisations Forum (BANGOF), HEDA Resource Centre, Kebetkache Women Development and Resource Centre, and others – stand in firm solidarity with His Royal Majesty, King Bubaraye Dakolo, Agada IV of Ekpetiama Kingdom and Chair of the Bayelsa State Council of Traditional Rulers, as the Federal High Court, Yenagoa, convenes for the

first hearing of the suit filed against Shell, the Minister of Petroleum Resources, the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC), and the Attorney General of the Federation.

The suit challenges Shell's attempt to divest its onshore oil assets and exit the Niger Delta without first decommissioning obsolete infrastructure, remediating environmental damage, and compensating the Ekpetiama people for long-standing harm. It raises fundamental issues about the constitutional and environmental rights of the Niger Delta's indigenous communities, Shell's corporate liability, and the Nigerian government's responsibility to protect its citizens.

A struggle for justice and dignity in the Niger Delta

In the statement of claim, King Dakolo outlines how Shell's operations in the Gbarain oil fields – located within the Ekpetiama Kingdom in Yenagoa Local Government Area of Bayelsa State -have led to massive oil spills, gas flaring, and the destruction of fishing and farming livelihoods. The community's rivers, forests, and farmlands have been rendered toxic and unsustainable for life and livelihoods.

The plaintiffs argue that Shell's planned divestment of its interest in the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) without fulfilling its environmental obligations in accordance with the Nigerian Constitution and laws is illegal and unjust, and that the Nigerian state, through the Minister of Petroleum Resources, NUPRC, and the Attorney General, has failed in its duty to prevent such corporate evasion of responsibility.

King Dakolo and the Ekpetiama people seek to stop Shell's planned divestment until Shell accounts for its environmental devastation, remediates polluted sites, decommissions obsolete infrastructure, and compensates the host communities affected by over six decades of irresponsible oil extraction.

This suit represents a stand for the rights of host communities and the rule of law in Nigeria.

The plaintiffs are asking the court to:

Declare that Shell's proposed divestment without environmental remediation and decommissioning is unlawful.

Compel the NUPRC and federal authorities to fulfil their constitutional and statutory

responsibilities.

Uphold the constitutional rights of affected communities under the Nigerian Constitution (right to life and dignity).

Prevent the transfer of assets and liabilities to successor companies without legal and environmental accountability.

According to Barrister Chuks Uguru, lead counsel for the plaintiffs, "this action against SPDC, Shell Corporation, Renaissance Group, and federal agents is over the unlawful divestment of oil assets in Ekpetiama Kingdom whose members have the fundamental right to a clean and healthy environment under the Nigerian Constitution and the African Charter."

See more details here: <https://homef.org/2025/06/20/csos-back-suit-against-unjust-divestment/>

2. World Food Safety Day: HOMEF, ERA and Allies Call for a Moratorium on GMOs

Health of Mother Earth Foundation, Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria, and the GMO-free Nigeria Alliance have called on the Federal Government to place a moratorium on the use of genetically modified organisms

(GMOs) and their products in Nigeria. This call was made in a press statement to mark World Food Safety Day 2025.

There is no doubt an urgent need for a food systems transformation in Nigeria to ensure the availability, accessibility, and affordability of food and to ensure resilience to environmental challenges, including climate change. However, we cannot adopt a technology whose disadvantages far outweigh potential advantages and benefit only a handful of people—the biotech corporations and their allies.

The Executive Director of HOMEF, Dr. Nnimmo Bassey, stated that a moratorium on GMOs, including a nullification of previous permits and approvals, is critical because GMOs are designed not to address food insecurity but to consolidate control of our food and farming system in the hands of a few corporations/seed industries.

“This is known by the patent rights enforced on the products, which prohibit farmers from saving, sharing or replanting the seeds. Even those without the patent restrictions, when replanted, yield poorly. This is a calculated attack on Nigeria’s food sovereignty and must be seen as such. Seed saving and sharing is an age-long culture in Nigeria, where farming is

about 80% informal, with farmers being able to select and improve seeds using traditional methods and being able to exchange the same. It is worthy of note that the Cotton Farmers’ Association of Nigeria in 2024 noted that in about 3 years since they were given the Bt Cotton to plant, they haven’t recorded any significant increase in yields compared to the indigenous varieties; instead, they have observed that their soils become unproductive after they planted the genetically modified cotton” Dr Bassey explained.

Also, speaking to why a moratorium is urgently needed, Dr Ifeanyi Casmir, a molecular biologist and researcher, noted that there is no evidence of long-term risk assessment conducted by our government on the health impact of GMOs.

He highlighted that several studies link the consumption of GMOs to diverse health disorders, including immune system dysregulation, increased allergic responses, chronic inflammation and organ toxicity, as well as tumour development. Dr Casmir also noted that studies have found Bt toxins (Cry1Ab) in 93% of pregnant women and 80% of fetal cord blood, raising risks of birth defects, cancer, and allergies.

“The fact that our regulatory agency -the National Biosafety Management Agency (NBMA) cannot show any evidence of independent and extensive risk assessment conducted shows irresponsibility and lack of concern for public health”. He concluded.

“Another critical reason why Nigeria should hold the brakes on GMOs is the impact on the environment. Bt Crops, for example, the Bt beans that were approved for commercial release in 2019 and 2024, respectively, contain proteins that, when released into the soil, destroy soil microorganisms, leading to soil degradation and reduced fertility. There have been reported cases of pest resistance leading to the development of super bugs and super weeds in the case of the herbicide-tolerant GMOs, which make up about 80% of all GMOs globally. The herbicides designed mostly by the same companies producing the seeds have been shown by studies to destroy not just the target weeds but also beneficial organisms in the ecosystem, including bees.

GMOs pose a critical risk of genetic contamination of indigenous seed varieties owing to gene transfer. For this reason,

Mexico and a host of other countries have placed a total or partial ban on GMOs. We cannot overlook such a grave threat to our plant genetic resources especially as such contamination is irreversible.” This was the submission by Professor Tattfeng Mirabeau, Professor of Medical Microbiology and Immunology.

According to Barr. Mariann Bassey-Orovwuje, ERA's Deputy Executive Director, Nigeria, currently does not have a policy on open market labelling and as such, the public does not have the right of choice as to whether or not to consume GMOs. This negates our right of choice and the right to safe food. Barr. Orovwuje further noted that there are fundamental flaws with the current Biosafety Regulatory Agency, including that there is no provision on strict liability, which should ensure that the holder of a permit for any GM product takes responsibility for any negative effects that will ensue. Another major flaw in the National Biosafety Management Agency Act is the lack of attention to the Precautionary Principle, which simply advises a halt on any process where there are threats to health or environmental impacts from the use of GMOs.

Nigeria needs to critically address waste,

which accounts for about 40% of the food produced. In the same vein, Nigeria needs to critically address issues of insecurity/ banditry that keep many farmers away from their farms, leading to reduced productivity. The statement concluded by stressing that Nigeria can transform its agriculture system in an inclusive and sustain-able manner by adopting and promoting agroecology – which not only ensures increased productivity by improving soil health and biodiversity but also assures economic resilience for our farmers as well as climate change resilience.

Let's be clear, GMOs are not the solution to food insecurity.

True progress lies in empowering our farmers through sustainable, inclusive practices that safeguard our land, our people, and our future. Nigeria has the potential to lead a truly green, resilient agroecological revolution, if we act decisively now!





4. Alliances and Networks

In 2025, the Networks and Alliances desk was forward thinking, intentional, focused and actively engaged in several activities targeted at achieving the organisation's goals, objectives and mission for the year.

The year kicked off on a high note with the 2nd Cohort Omega Resilience Award (ORA –A) in-person meeting that held in Uganda in February 2025. This was a thoroughly engaging and enlightening time for both the Fellows and Anchor team, with the fellows sharing deeply about their work, their successes, challenges and dreams for the future. At the end of the day, intentional and meaningful collaborations were birthed, stronger networks were fostered and everyone left further empowered with solidarity and new strategies.

In the course of the year, we actively engaged with Oilwatch International, Oilwatch Africa (OWA), No REDD in Africa Network, Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA), FishNet

Alliance Network, West African Climate Justice Movement, Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature (GARN), Alliance for Action on Pesticide in Nigeria (AAPN), Omega Resilience Awards and some other alliances were formed which were Project specific including HOCK which is a combination of HOMEF, CAPP and Kebetkache Women Development & Resource Centre on the project *-Strengthening Climate Resilience through Agroecology Research and Advocacy.*

Key Highlights of the year 2025 include the launch of a report by the No REDD in Africa Network(NRAN) titled Deconstructing and Debunking False Solutions: REDD+ and Carbon Markets in Africa.

The report which is available in three languages English, French and Portuguese exposes how carbon offset schemes commodify nature, undermine real climate action, and dispossess indigenous peoples of their land.

Another highlight worthy of mention is that through the OWA GGF small grant scheme administration we have supported over 65 organisations on the continent, and this has led to the birth of new organisations, networks and movement which has

consequently lead to a significant growth in publicity and impact of the Oilwatch Africa/ International network. Other success stories include the successful hosting of the 2025 Oilwatch Africa conference and AGM and also the FishNet Alliance General Assembly and in Kampala, Uganda. The conference was attended by over 150 delegates, and it produced a high-level communique which is used in driving policy advocacy/ campaigns.

Through the No REDD in Africa (NRAN), we collaborated with the Department of Adult Education, University of Port Harcourt to host a Green Carbon Debate which opened up a new avenue of possible engagements as we discovered the possibility of hosting several of such events in higher institutions of learning so as to increase understanding and awareness about False solutions especially REDD and its other variants among the Academics.

Ikike: Throughout the year, the desk participated actively across platforms such as the Energy Renaissance convenings, GGON CCS Working Group bimonthly meetings, Women Climate Assembly, HOME Alliance (Steering committee and Africa Working Group), AfriTAP, and other justice networks. The desk also contributed

to collective advocacy in multilateral spaces including ACS 2, OECPR 7, and the Bonn Intersessionals. These engagements strengthened solidarity with regional and global movements and supported African-led positions resisting false climate solutions and advancing people-centered climate justice.

Hunger Politics: In the course of the year, we represented HOMEF and actively participated in some key events on GMOs, Agroecology, Food Sovereignty and Food Systems in general. These include the Bread for the World Agroecology Conference in Kenya, February 2025; an AFSA Youth Training on Agroecology, in Kenya, August 2025; the 3rd Nyéléni Global Forum in Sri Lanka, September 2025; Ford Foundation OWA Grantee Convening in Abuja, November 2025; Agroecology Fund Learning Exchange Meeting on Participatory Research in Agroecology, Brazil, November 2025 and AFSA Board Meeting in Uganda, December 2025.

These events afforded us the space to contribute significantly to collective knowledge, policy recommendations and advocacy strategies. These spaces also sharpened our understanding of thematic issues, revealed alternative approaches to

programme planning and policy advocacy and generally strengthened our confidence in the relevance of the work we do seeing the replication of food system challenges and advocacy approaches in different parts of the world.

Communities and Culture: On this desk, we networked with other organizations in several strategic engagements that further enriched our programme delivery. These included the African Climate Justice Collective (ACJC) Annual Strategic General Meeting held in Nairobi, Kenya in April 2025 and the ACJC African Peoples Counter COP held in Cotonou, Benin Republic in October 2025. Additionally, we participated in the Storytellers Collective Workshop from 27th -30th November 2025 organised by National Geographic in partnership with Ford Foundation in Lagos. This workshop provided practical training in storytelling, photography, and audiovisual documentation, strengthening our programmes' communications and documentation capacity.

5. Special Report

Alarm on destructive mining in the FCT

A group of CSOs in May 2025 raised alarm concerning how extractive activities are ravaging communities in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. The group comprising Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF), Ubuntu Environmental Development Foundation (UEDF), Eco Defenders Network (ECODEN), and Urban-Rural Environmental Advocacy (UREA), decried illegal mining operations and pollution in the FCT during a one-day training held at Mbuko Community on 22nd May 2025.

During the training, participants alleged over a decade of mining activities in the FCT, with Venus Investment and Mining Limited, and Chief Corner Stone Investment Limited operating in the Mbuko community based on a Community Development Agreement (CDA) as far back as 2010/2011.

According to Shehu Akowe, Project Lead at HOMEF who coordinated the training, “This is contrary to the Nigerian

Mineral and Mining Act 2007, section 116, subsection (2), (3, a, b, c, d and e) including subsection (5) that states that “the Community Development Agreement shall be subject to review every 5 years, and shall, until reviewed, by the parties, have binding effect on the parties”. The community accused the companies of dodging Community Social responsibility (CSR) as enshrined in the NMMA.

The Youth Leader of the Mbuko community, Mr. Shedrack Isah, who represented the chief of the community, highlighted how dust, noise, and air pollution clouded the inhabitants of the community. He further stated that, although the companies spray water on the community access road daily, the level of extractive operation polluting the Mbuko residents is beyond such service and offer. He further lamented that the community has been neglected throughout the company’s years of operation. He concluded that they only had CDA with both companies in their first year, about 14 to 15 years ago, and had not been reviewed since then.

Haruna Janet, a resident who also attended the training, lamented the unabated dust experienced daily and questioned why Mbuko residents are being subjected to

such treatment. In the same vein, Yakubu Josephine calls on the Federal Government for urgent attention to the Mbuko community issue. She further mentioned that there are many trucks ferrying mineral resources out of Mbuko day and night, leaving polluted air and harm for the community. She concluded that one of their happy days would be when the mining activities end in Mbuko, but she has no idea when it will be.

An environmental expert, Daramfon Bassey, the Director of UEDF, who also spoke at the event, said reckless mining practices in the Mbuko community are a time bomb to the FCT and its environs. He further stated that for climate change mitigation consciousness, the Federal government should reduce extractive industries. He concluded that there are no sustainable mining practices.

Godspower Martins, the Director of UREA, on the other hand, picked a hole in the 2007 Nigerian Mineral and Mining Act (NMMA). Mr Martins stated that the Act is obsolete and lacks the current reality of environmental challenges faced in the country and therefore called for a repeal of the NMMA.

Recall that in September 2023, a landslide in the Kuje Area Council of Abuja, Nigeria,

resulted in the deaths of at least 30 people. Extractive activities have been linked to a high rate of crime, hampering the safety and peaceful coexistence of host communities across the country.

Despite a clear role in the CDA and other host community rights, the FCT, Venus Mining Investment Limited, and Chief Corner Stone Investment Limited jointly flaunted the NMMA and operated illegally in Mbuko, disregarding the environmental harm caused to the residents.

The participants called on the government to take urgent action to stop the pollution in the Mbuko community and others like it.



7. HOMEF's Networks and Partners

Networks

- **Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA)** (<https://afsafrica.org/>)
- **Yes to Life, no to Mining** (<https://yestolifenotomining.org/>)
- **Climate Space** (<https://climatespace2013.wordpress.com/>)
- **No REDD in Africa Network (NRAN)** (<https://no-redd.africa>)
- **Oilwatch Africa/International** (<https://www.oilwatch.org/>)
- **Daraja – A Pan African space set to rally the global majority towards a path of radical social transformation and power** (<https://darajapress.com/>)
- **Global Alliance for Rights of Nature (GARN)** (<https://www.garn.org/>)
- **Alliance for Pesticide Action in Nigeria (AAPN)** (<https://aapn.org.ng/>)
- **Hands off Mother Earth Alliance** (<https://handsoffmotherearth.org/>)

Our Partners

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- Grassroots International
- Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung
- Heinrich Boll Stiftung
- Erosion Technology and Concentration Group
- Bread for the World
- Energy Transition Fund
- Alliance for Food Sovereignty
- Global Greengrants Fund
- European Union
- Friends of Action Group on Erosion
- Full Circle Foundation
- Rafto Foundation
- Development and Peace
- Shehu Musa Yar 'Adua Foundation
- Tides Foundation
- Right Livelihood Foundation
- Thousand Currents
- The Meliore Foundation
- Omega Resilience Award
- Ford Foundation
- World Animal Protection

Financial Report

2025 HOMEF FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Description of Expenses	Amount in %	Amount in NGN
Staff Emoluments	20	682,637,408.48
Administrative Expenses	10	346,681,510.28
HOMEF Project Expenses	70	2,406,961,110.50
Total Expenses	100	3,436,280,029.26

	Amount in %	Amount in NGN
Total HOMEF Income	75	2,820,172,713.73
Fiscal Projects	25	934,983,600.00
Total Income	100	3,755,156,313.73

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2025 HOMEF Financial Summary

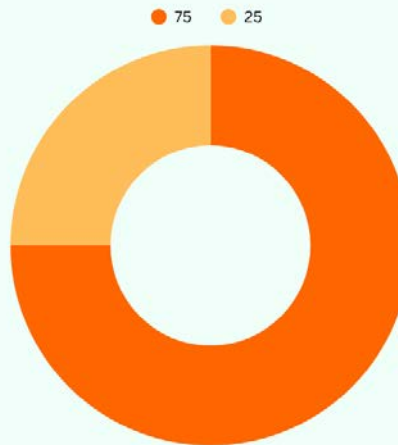
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- HOMEF Project Expenses



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2025 HOMEF Financial Summary

- Total HOMEF Income
- Fiscal Projects



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