

## **RESOLUTIONS AT THE 2ND PEOPLE’S AGM HELD ON MAY 17, 2023 IN ABUJA, NIGERIA**

The 2nd People’s AGM was convened by the Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice (ANEEJ) on May 17, 2023, in Abuja, Nigeria. The event had in attendance 68 participants drawn from across Nigeria including the Niger Delta region and other emerging oil States.

The people’s AGM interfaced on the following key areas:

- The upcoming SHELL BP’s AGM scheduled for May 23rd, Total Energies AGM scheduled for May 26th as well as that of Exxon Mobil scheduled for May 31st, 2023.
- The ongoing Ogoni Cleanup process and host communities’ reaction to the exercise
- The activities of multinational oil companies including Shell in the Niger Delta and other parts of Nigeria
- Received and discussed testimonies from indigenous people on the impact of oil exploration activities on the environment and livelihood of the people.
- The lack of political commitment to end gas flaring in Nigeria.
- Update on new oil fields in other parts of Nigeria and other emerging issues

### **Observations**

#### **Participants at the People’s AGM therefore,**

1. Noted the role of investors in the funding of multinational oil companies which include SHELL and others
2. The lack of investors’ response to the Open Call by the People’s AGM for them to visit the Niger Delta region on a fact-finding mission.
3. The divestment of oil companies from on-shore to off-shore without taking into consideration the environmental hazards and damages caused by their operations.
4. Noted SHELL’s current weak energy transition strategy and welcomed the recent Church of England Pensions Board’s announcement to vote against all directors at the upcoming AGMs of Exxon Mobil, Occidental Petroleum, Shell, and Total Energies, in response to their failure to meet climate change objectives.
5. There are technical and governance issues with the cleanup of Ogoni land which is slowing down the process, and the lack of stability in the leadership of the governing Council of Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP).
6. The AGM expressed concern over the new communities in Nigeria where oil fields are being developed, so as avoid the similar fate as communities in the Niger Delta
7. Also expressed concern over the United Kingdom’s Supreme Court judgment on the Shell Bonga Oil Spill Case.
8. It also noted with concern, the false claim by the Norwegian Oil Fund “Responsible Investment Report” that SHELL is making progress with the cleanup process and engaging local communities.

### **Resolutions:**

#### **In the light of the above, the participants at the People’s AGM resolved as follows:**

1. That the Federal Government of Nigeria should appoint a substantive chairman for the Governing Council of HYPREP to ensure consistency in the leadership. Also, the Government, companies and other stakeholders should contribute to the remediation process by supporting the development and adoption of new technologies that can

accelerate the Ogoni cleanup. We also call on HYPREP to embark on fullscale livelihood restoration programme for the Ogoni people.

2. There should also be an unbiased investigation into the remediation process in Ogoni land as well environmental and health audits of the entire Niger Delta and a total cleanup of the region.
3. The President of Nigeria and the NNPC Ltd should withdraw the operating license of Shell because of their complicity in the environmental and ecological injustices ranging from divestment from on-shore to off-shore leaving behind the problems it created in the Niger Delta, weakened climate change commitment for short-term profit, and it's poor human rights record in Nigeria.
4. The Norwegian Oil Fund and other investors should follow the example of The Church of England which made a commitment to vote against all directors at the upcoming AGMs of Exxon Mobile, Occidental Petroleum, Shell, and Total Energies, in response to their failure to meet climate change objectives.
5. To conduct further research on the activities of oil companies ongoing in Kogi, Nasarawa, Gombe, and other parts of Nigeria, to promote learning and experience sharing between Niger Delta communities and other parts of Nigeria.
6. The Energy Transition Plan of oil companies should be in compliance with Paris Agreement on climate change and Climate Change Act, reflecting the perspectives of communities affected by decades of fossil fuel extraction.
7. We call on international financial institutions including African Development Bank, The World Bank and Export Credit agencies to discontinue financing fossil fuel projects in Nigeria.
8. The AGM re-stated its earlier call for the companies' major investors to go to the Niger Delta for the fact-finding mission and resolved to undertake high-level advocacy to engage the investors and government currently supporting SHELL, Total Energies, Exxon Mobil and other oil companies in Nigeria. Agreed to send the outcome of the AGM to the major investors of these companies
9. Oil companies including SHELL, Exxon Mobil, Chevron and their investors such as Blackrock, Vanguard, Legal and General Investment management, should take responsibility for loss and damage in the Niger Delta as recommended during COP27.
10. We urge the Federal government, particularly the incoming administration to demonstrate the political will to end gas flaring in Nigeria.

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE'S AGM PLATFORM:**

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