

# Call for Expression of Interest from NGOs/CSOs in Akwa-Ibom, Bayelsa, Delta, Rivers and Ondo to take part in Capacity Building on the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA).

## **BACKGROUND**

The Foundation for Partnerships Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND) is a non-profit organization that promotes peace and equitable economic growth in Nigeria's Niger Delta region through multistakeholder partnerships. This work is funded with the support of the Chevron Corporation and other esteemed partners and collaborators. PIND works closely with numerous partners to implement collaborative market-based, community-owned programs to mitigate conflicts and boost economic opportunities for local businesses, ensuring that economic progress occurs in a systemic, inclusive, and sustainable manner.

With an overarching goal of reducing conflict and poverty in the region, PIND has two main programs:

- **Economic development program** focused on generating opportunities for pro-poor market development and employment generation.
- **Peace-building program** that strengthens conflict resolution mechanisms for enabling integrated peace and economic growth.

Four key enablers support these programs:

The **enablers**: 'PIND's program delivery is enabled by an integrated approach that encompasses capacity building, advocacy, communications, gender, and social inclusion.

## **PROJECT BACKGROUND**

The Bridges Project is in recognition of Nigeria's Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) on August 16, 2021, which requires that the oil and gas companies and communities deploy the optimal approach that will facilitate sustainable pragmatic development. Community participation is particularly central to the entire process as it relates to development programs and the need for accountability and transparency required for actualizing the holistic development imperatives of the host communities. In restructuring host communities' management, the PIA mandates the creation of Host Communities Development Trusts, with the oil and gas operators, described as "Settlors", obliged to incorporate these Trusts for the benefit of their host communities and make annual contributions based on 3% of their yearly operating expenditure into a Host Communities Development Trust Fund (HCDTF). PIND has created an innovative two-year project which builds on its existing work with local partners in Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Delta, Ondo and Rivers states. The project aims to empower communities-based organizations (CBOs), nongovernmental organizations (NGOs)/ Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and communities to collaborate and lead their initiatives on this process while creating spaces and opportunities for their voices to be heard and relating harmoniously with the settlors (oil companies). This will be achieved through:

# FOUNDATION FOR PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES IN THE NIGER DELTA



- Detailed mapping and analysis of relevant stakeholders for; Capacity building for CBOs, NGOs and CSOs; Awareness creation; and the Establishment of Multi-stakeholders' platforms;
- Effectively conducting, evaluating, and reviewing Participatory Need Assessment processes that
  encourage community participation and reflect their needs and monitoring and evaluation; and
  efficient designs of Community Development Plans;

## **PURPOSE OF THE ASSIGNMENT**

The primary purpose of this activity is to select and train non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) within the 5 States mentioned above, working in the oil and gas sector to enable them to participate in PIA-related capacity building in the following areas:

- Needs Assessment/Community;
- Community Development Plans;
- Monitoring and Evaluation;
- Facilitating experience and lessons sharing sessions as well as other areas.

Please see the required **eligibility/which organization can apply - qualifications** below for this Capacity Building and express your interests.

#### TRAINING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the training, the selected organizations will be able to carry out/engage in these activities:

- Undertake detailed mapping and analysis of relevant stakeholders; and
- Review and validate already mapped stakeholders in the Niger Delta.

#### **DURATION**

The training for the selected organizations will be conducted for 2 days each in Port-Harcourt and Warri respectively from February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 01<sup>st</sup> 2023 and March 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 2023).

# QUALIFICATIONS/WHO CAN APPLY?

- An organization with excellent analytical, research, writing and facilitation skills;
- Track record in working on research, training and capacity building in community contexts, including multi-stakeholders engagement experiences;
- Knowledge of the Niger Delta context and civil society environment, especially grassroots initiatives and how they operate;
- Experience and knowledge of the development sector;
- At least five years of relevant research and training and capacity-building facilitation experience, including using quantitative and qualitative methodologies;
- Understanding of research ethics and 'Not harm' principles; and

# FOUNDATION FOR PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES IN THE NIGER DELTA



# Mandatory Required items from the organization that intend to participate

- 1. Certificate of Business Registration
- 2. Profile of organization.
- 3. Full physical contact address

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Please submit a well-written Expression of Interest outlining;

- 1. Your organization's interest in the training program, and how you plan to apply the knowledge gained from the program to your organization's activities.
- 2. A list of all participants from your organization who will attend the program, including their names, positions, and contact details.
- 3. A brief description of your organization, including your mission, values, and objectives.
- 4. A statement of commitment, indicating your organization's willingness to actively participate in all sessions of the training program and to share your knowledge and experience with other participants.
- 5. Organizational affiliation (if any).

Applications must be sent by email to eoi@pindfoundation.org by 03/05/2023 at 17:00 GMT

## **Non-Discriminatory Clause:**

PIND Foundation provides equal opportunity in employment and engagement for all persons, vendors, and contractors, and prohibits unlawful discrimination and harassment in all aspects of a contractual engagement or employment because of age, sex, gender, marital status, disability, nationality, race, religion or any fact.