

**REPORT OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ORGANIZED BY WOMEN
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME (WEP) ON THE 7TH JUNE 2011 AT PEACE HAVEN HOTEL
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World Environment Day is celebrated annually on 5 June. It was first proclaimed in 1972 by the United Nations and has since then become a yearly ritual serving as a mechanism through which environmental awareness is spread across the world.

Each year the United Nations highlights in its theme one important environmental issue on the World Environmental Day. The United Nations declared the year an International Year of Forests and as such the theme for the year's World Environmental Day is Forests; Nature at Your Service.

The theme focuses on the importance of the world's forests towards sustaining of life on earth.

In view of this, Women Environmental Programme (WEP) celebrated the year 2011 World Environmental Day with a workshop on the 7th of June 2011 at Peace Haven Hotel Wuye, Abuja. The workshop brought together members of civil society groups, governmental representatives, community dwellers, media personnel's, gender experts, climate change experts alongside environmentalist. The workshop focused on an overview of the Nigerian Forest resources as expert facilitators brought to light the current state of the Nigerian Forest Resources alongside the gender perspective.

Participants at the end of the workshop adopted a communiqué with the following recommendations:

- a. A recognition and development of strategies for mainstreaming gender in REDD+ and forest management.
- b. REDD+ standards should support the inclusion of gender mainstreaming based on recognition of the rights of women in their role in sustainable forest and forest carbon management.
- c. Gender consideration should be incorporated into REDD and REDD plus frameworks to bring about increased efficiency and sustainability as it contributes to women involvement and commitment.
- d. Laws and policies should be enforced with partnership of the local communities towards forest protection and preservation
- e. Provision of alternatives for fuel wood users, encourage sustainable and beneficiaries of forest resources
- f. Increase awareness about simple and practical ways to use renewable natural resources and campaign against deforestation.
- g. Incorporate forest education into the school curricular involving youth, children and people from the grassroots.