

Organisers - NIGER DELTA INITIATIVE AUSTRIA

Type - CONFERENCE

TOPIC - EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE IN NIGERIA

Date - Friday 05 05 2017

Venue - Vienna Bildung Academy, 25A Praterstraße, 1020 Vienna Austria.

Details -

The Conference is a tool to emancipate and empower Nigerians in the Diaspora on the abundance availability of communicative tools like use social/print media, and other relevant democratic undertakings to wrestle power from over aged political God Fathers recycling themselves in political offices in Nigeria.

A good example is former President Olusegun Obasanjo, born in the year 1937 and ruled Nigeria as a military Head of states from 13th February 1976 - 1st October 1979 and came back after decades to become civilian President from 1999 -2007. There is also the example of the current President Muhamadu Buhari, born in the year 1942 and who ruled as a military Head of States from 31st December. 1983 - 27th August.1985, and is currently the president of Nigeria since 2015 till date. It is the order of the day hence they made it possible to rotate power amongst themselves in a country of almost 200 million people.

The future is yours is a commonly used phrase handed down to newly married couples, young graduates and young entrepreneurs. In Nigeria, these promised future remains a dream so far away from reality .The ruling class have used every machinery available to them to subdue and propagate fear of selflessness, these include, hunger/starvation, torture and summary killings to deprive the youths the promised future. We at the Niger Delta Initiative Austria, are of the opinion, that it's time our youths get into active politics devoid of thuggery and every unholy weapon.

The youths should realise that offering themselves as tools to install oppressive regimes will further alienate them from the future which is here to grab, we believe that Nigerians will live their full potentials if youths are made to run the Nation's affairs. In a country where over 70% are youth, it is unthinkable that we still recycle old and outdated politicians who got us into the mess since time immemorial

There are examples of Western countries tapping into the youths for political leadership, the Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau was born 1971 and his leadership skills have been applauded World over, there is also the example of President Obama who retired at the age of 55. Sabastian Kurz is an Austrian politician who has been Austria's Minister for Foreign Affairs and Integration since 2013 and he is just 30 years of age, the list goes on and on.

The Niger Delta Initiative Austria wants to use the occasion of this conference, to awaken our youths on the need to get into politics and wrestle power from the old rulers who have also imposed themselves on the country through massive election malpractices mostly executed by our youths for petty rewards. Speakers to this conference will be drawn from the Nigerian community in Europe and also from the Austrian political spectrum. Civil society organisations will be invited to address this issue at the event. Including representatives of various Nigeria ethnic organisations .

The president of NANCA will be one of the guest speakers. A representative of the Nigerian embassy will be invited to speak on the topic. Also invited is the Nigeria permanent representative to OPEC.

INTENDED SPEAKERS:

Speakers should focus on the potentials and benefits of having youths run the affairs of the country as against the backdrop of older politicians who recycle themselves in political offices in Nigeria where over half the population are youths.

Guest Speakers:

Comrade Sunny Ofehe, Founder/Executive Director, Hope for Niger Delta Campaign (HNDC) Netherlands.

Hon. Berry Negerese, Commissioner for Local Government Affairs, Bayelsa State, Nigeria.

A Representative of the Nigeria Embassy/ Permanent Mission in Vienna.

OTHER SPEAKERS:

Frau. Petra Bayer, (Austrian Politician and Head of Africa Affairs SPO)

Mr. Osayi, President of National Association of Nigeria Community Austria (NANCA).

PROGRAMM:

Introduction of moderator

Introduction of Speakers to the High Table

Welcome address/Light refreshment by NDIA President or Founder.

1st Speaker – Nigeria Embassy Representative

2nd Speaker – Frau.Petra Bayer Head of African affairs SPO (Austrian Politician)

3rd Speaker – President of National Association of Nigeria Community Austria (NANCA)

GUEST SPEAKERS:

1st Guest Speaker – Hon. Berry Nagerese, Commissioner for Local Government Affairs, Bayelsa State Nigeria.

2nd Guest Speaker – Comrade Sunny Ofehe. Founder/Executive Director, Hope for Niger Delta Campaign (HNDC), The Netherlands.

Question and Answer section

Vote of Thanks by NDIA EXECUTIVE:

REFRESHMENT

Entertainment by LIONATOR MUSICAL GROUP.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Possible live coverage on social media.A statement and communiques including pictures of event will be made available to European and Nigeria print media.

OKTO TV

AFRIKA RADIO AND TV

PARTICIPANTS: Nigerians in Diaspora,Austria Civil and Liberty organizations and leaders,human and environmental rights activists.

Expected numbers of participants – 60-70

Duration: 4-5 hours. 14:00 - 19:00

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