

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."Oscar Wilde

Honorable team of speakers, traditional chiefs, representatives of various groups, environmental and human rights activists. Civil society members, our most valued invited guests from the management fraternity of the University of Vienna. It's my privilege to have been asked to propose a vote of thanks on this occasion.

I, unbehalf of the Niger Delta Initiative Austria, and the entire people of the Niger Delta region of Nigeria, extend a very heartfelt gratitude to all speakers for gracing your important work and sharing with us your findings and opinions today! I must mention our deep sense of appreciation for Mr AYENI ABIODUN for sharing with us some of the best management practices advocated and practiced by the Christian faith.

I take this opportunity to extend our most sincere thanks to all our guest invitees who have come from different destinations for their support & cooperation. I also wish to express my gratitude to Mr SENOL AKKILIC for his support and encouragement. I want to very sincerely thank Mr OSARO OSAYI, the NANCA President, for sparing us some of his time to speak on such sensitive topic.

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this great event. An event of this dimension cannot happen overnight. It requires meticulous planning and execution and an eye for details.

I cannot thank everyone enough for the involvement they have shown and the willingness they have expressed to take on the completion of tasks beyond their comfort zones. I want to thank the

Ladies and gentlemen, once again I want to state that we are all most grateful to all speakers on this stage. We thank you for being with us this evening - it's been a great pleasure.