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Ijaw Youth Council

Worldwide

YOUTH SUMMIT ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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Resource Control And Self Determination By Any Means Necessary

YOUTH SUMMIT

For the love of our land, the Ijaw Youth Council (IYC) is once more taking the bull by the horns to tackle the incessant developmental crises in the Niger Delta. While government has clearly shown that it lacks ideas with respect to the Niger Delta by empowering our people to be free in deciding their development and destiny. A youth summit where the youths are participants, owners and drivers of any crises management, peace and conflict resolution, security and development is key in our programs. This becomes more relevant when juxtaposed upon the fact that most of the crises in the Niger Delta are either youth driven or related while the political leadership in the Niger Delta remains comatose. The Summit will deliberate on issues concerning the destiny of the Niger Delta with more focus on Bayelsa State. There is the need to rethink the roles and approaches of the youths in making the Niger Delta a better place.

What to Do

Before attending the Summit, the youths of every community / organization should hold meetings / consultations and take positions on the themes and sub-themes below among others. These positions will be the community / organization's youth presentation at the Summit, contributing to the overall position of the youths after serious deliberations.

To be attended by:

- Youth leaders from all communities / villages / towns
- Leaders of youth organizations

Representation

Every community / organization is expected to send two (2) official delegates to the summit. Summit shall accredit only two candidates per community during deliberations. Communities / organizations shall be responsible for the behaviour of their delegates.

Also invited to attend are political leaders from the Niger Delta including all the Governors of the Niger Delta; Distinguished and Honourable members of the National Assembly; Honourable Ministers; Honourable Members of the state Houses of Assembly; Commissioners; Board Chairmen and Members of Federal and State Parastatals; Local Government Chairpersons; Traditional Rulers; and Opinion leaders, Elders; and the Leadership of the Ijaw National Congress (INC).

Theme: Economic Development and Security in the Niger Delta: The role of youths

Sub-themes: Trends in the Ijaw struggle; Conflicts, youths and the economic development of the Niger Delta: the case of Bayelsa State; Government and youth development: the case of Bayelsa State.

Date: Friday 6th February 2009

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Gloryland Cultural Complex, Yenagoa

Chairman of the occasion: Chief Ufot Ekaette, Honourable Minister, Niger Delta Ministry

Special Guest of Honour: His Excellency, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, Vice President, Fed. Rep. of Nigeria

Father of the Day: Chief E.K.Clark, Niger Delta Leader

Guests of Honour: All Governors of the Niger Delta

Chief Host: His Excellency, Chief Timipre Sylva, Executive Governor, Bayelsa State

It is your right to determine the security and development of your land!

Signed

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