



Innovative Solutions to the Niger Delta's Development Challenges



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For many years, conflict ravaged Nigeria's Niger Delta, slowed down development and escalated poverty in the region. In 2010, Chevron Corporation set up the Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND) to rally cross-sector partnerships to foster stability and inclusive economic development in the region.

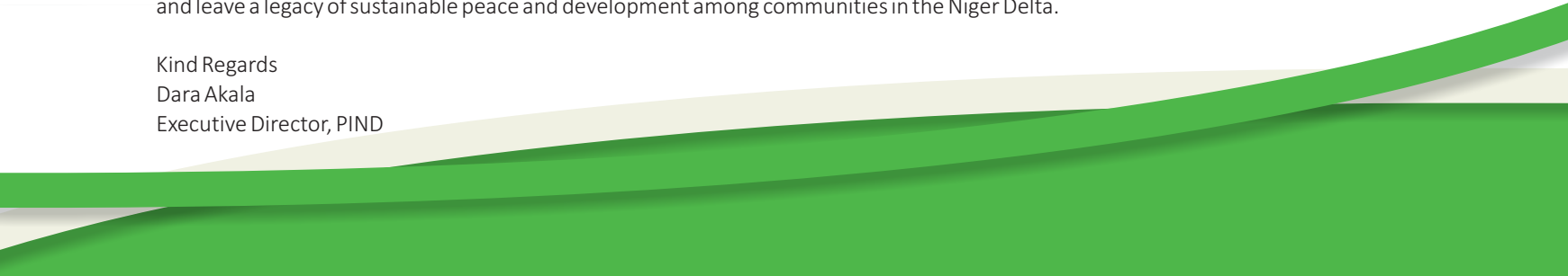
After ten years of programming, we conducted a Participatory Stakeholders Review to get feedback on our work and insights on our future direction. Feedback from key stakeholders (donors, governments, investors, civil society, thought leaders, and local communities) indicated that:

Generally, PIND's approaches are recognized as unique and effective and have spurred peaceable economic growth and development in the Niger Delta. They adjudged that these approaches have established us as a reputable trusted partner and thought-leader in peace and economic development in the Niger Delta.

In this calendar, we highlight a few examples of some specific constraints to development in the region that we met when we started operations in 2010, and share excerpts of the proven and recognized innovative approaches that we are applying to solve them. Such examples include evidence-based interventions, resilient markets for the poor, social capital for peace, business-efficient technologies, financing for small businesses, safe water social entrepreneurs for underserved communities, energy-efficient builders, capabilities for service delivery and connection platforms for development.

We invite you to learn more about these innovations by visiting www.pindfoundation.org, connecting with [@PINDFoundation](https://twitter.com/PINDFoundation) on social media or calling +234 92910454. And in learning more, we hope you are inspired to support us to take these solutions to scale and leave a legacy of sustainable peace and development among communities in the Niger Delta.

Kind Regards
Dara Akala
Executive Director, PIND



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A speaker at the PIND organized Cocoa Stakeholders' Roundtable in Akure, Ondo State. PIND presented data findings from a cocoa value chain assessment conducted in 2018. Based on the data shared, PIND shared its vision on ways to collectively grow the cocoa sector in Nigeria.

Data for Informed Program Investments

Data drives good decision-making. Before 2010, there was a shortage of data to guide development investments in the agriculture sector in the Niger Delta. Since then, PIND has analyzed the region's aquaculture, cassava, palm oil, cocoa and fish feed value chains. Such data has informed the agricultural program interventions of PIND and its development partners such as the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in the region.



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The local peace agents of the P4P Network are increasing in membership and reach in rural communities of the Niger Delta

A Network Approach to Social Capital for Peace

Lack of a voice, a structured platform for collective action and poor conflict management skills limits individuals from promoting peace. PIND established the Partners for Peace (P4P) Network as a platform for peace actors to amplify their voices, build capacities and collectively engage in conflict mitigation and reduction in the Niger Delta. With over 7,000 members spread across the nine states of the Niger Delta, PIND's P4P is currently the largest network of peace actors in Nigeria. These peace agents have mitigated and prevented over hundreds of conflicts in the region.



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PIND's Capacity Building Program Manager, Bosede Eitokpah addressing participants at a CAPABLE experience sharing and learning workshop in Asaba, Delta State

Boosting CSOs/BMOs Capacity to Engender Development

The service delivery and civic engagement of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Business Membership Organizations (BMOs) are the thresholds of social and economic progress. But, back in 2011, stakeholder consultations showed CSOs and BMOs in the Niger Delta had weak capacities to play this role effectively and lagged behind counterparts in other regions of the country. PIND's Capacity Building for Local Empowerment (CAPABLE) project has enhanced the institutional capabilities of over 180 CSOs/BMOs to network, access funds and partner with local and international organizations to engender development in the region.

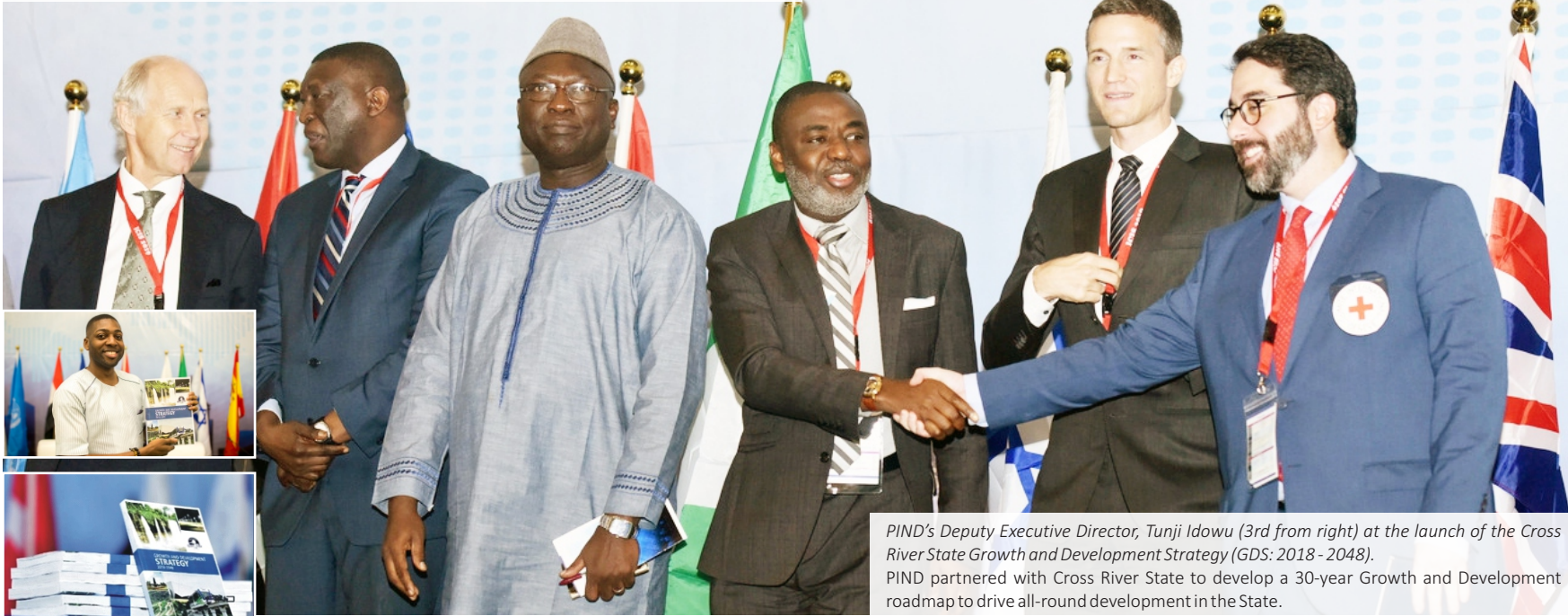


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PIND's Deputy Executive Director, Tunji Idowu (3rd from right) at the launch of the Cross River State Growth and Development Strategy (GDS: 2018 - 2048). PIND partnered with Cross River State to develop a 30-year Growth and Development roadmap to drive all-round development in the State.

Long Term Development Plans for Economic Growth

Many State Governments in the Niger Delta have the will to drive development but are sometimes, constrained by a weak capacity to produce them. Long term planning provides a framework for sustained economic growth. PIND supported the Cross River State Government to create a 30-year Growth & Development Strategy, with similar support being provided to the governments of Abia and Edo States to develop their long-term plans.



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A local fabricator in Warri - South LGA, Delta State constructing the biosand filter. PIND's Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) project improves access to clean water by promoting the biosand filter, a simple water filtration technology made with locally-available materials that removes 99% of water impurities and promotes good hygiene habits in to meet the needs of communities, schools and small businesses in the Niger Delta region.

Access to Safe Water for Underserved Communities

Access to safe drinking water is mostly lacking in hard to reach communities in the Niger Delta – leading to a high disease burden. Commercializing clean water for sale at affordable prices to poor households will make it more available to them. PIND, in partnership with UNICEF and other water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) oriented organizations, has trained over 100 social entrepreneurs to provide cost-friendly safe water to these underserved communities



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Palm oil millers in Imo state using their new small scale processing equipment (SSPE). Through funds from PIND's Technology Adoption Grant, millers in the Niger Delta procured more efficient palm oil processing mills. PIND has supported over 3, 000 enterprises to access business support services, loans and access to new markets

Financing for Small Businesses

Most times, small businesses fail or stagnate due to the lack of capital that they require to sustain or scale their operations. PIND has been facilitating access to finance for the region's SMEs. For example, through funds from PIND's Technology Adoption Grant, millers in the Niger Delta procured more efficient palm oil processing mills. The mills are helping them to produce and sell better quality oil at higher prices – with bigger profits. PIND recently established Sombreiro Kapital, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) that is set to provide alternative sources of investment and working capital for market actors in the region.



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PIND team members at the Service providers training in Rivers state. The PIND Service providers model has trained participants from the nine Niger Delta States who have in turn reached over 62,000 farmers from over 200 farming clusters and communities providing training and other ancillary support to farmers and SMEs in the Niger Delta to improve their agricultural and business outcomes.

Making Markets Work for The Poor

The Market Systems Development approach makes businesses more financially rewarding, accessible, inclusive and resilient in the long term for the poor. And PIND has strong expertise in applying this approach in the Niger Delta. With a good knowledge of the heterogeneity of the region, PIND has successfully adapted this approach to local context across various sectors that have facilitated new jobs and income in the region. Doing so is key to ensuring the sustainability of recorded gains beyond the end of our interventions.

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PIND partnered with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH to train 200 youth from Edo State in renewable energy through the Skills Development for Youth Employment - SKYE programme funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

A Learning Hub for Appropriate Technologies

PIND's ATED Centre serves as a hub for the promotion of appropriate technologies in the Niger Delta. The Centre has partnered with numerous academic institutions to provide and support practical learning experiences for students in related fields of study such as the design and construction of sustainable buildings, agro technologies, energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies. The Centre is open for learning tours every Wednesday from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.



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HRM the Omu of Anioma, Delta State giving remarks at the Delta State roundtable in Warri. With the primary aim of reducing incidences of election violence in three core state of the Niger Delta - Delta, Bayelsa and Rivers States, PIND funded AA Peace Networks to conduct three round tables in the States involving hundreds of people including traditional institutions and security agencies in protecting the electoral process.

Early Warning and Early Response Data for Peacebuilding

Peacebuilding is a collective responsibility requiring multiple players, men and women, old and young, at all levels. Access to data can inform better peacebuilding action. PIND's SMS-based Early Warning and Early Response (EWER) infrastructure collects and analyses local conflict intelligence data from across the region. The EWER works in tandem with PIND's peace map (www.p4p-nigerdelta.org) that aggregates conflict data from various credible sources. This data is available to all peace actors to use to identify and respond to conflict within their milieu.



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Miss Omoyele Omowunmi, a fish smoker in Awoye Community of Ondo State who has adopted the use of the Chorkor Oven fish smoking technology promoted by PIND, displaying her basket of smoked fish dried with the Chorkor Oven

Appropriate Technologies for Better Economic and Social Outcomes

Appropriate technologies (ATs) are readily available, low-cost and easy to use by local communities and small businesses to meet their basic human or business needs. PIND's Appropriate Technology Enabled Development (ATED) project pilots and shares AT solutions to improve business efficiencies, mitigate climate change and reduce the cost of energy in the Niger Delta. Examples of ATs promoted by PIND include energy cabins, palm oil harvesting and processing technologies, fish smoking technologies, cassava processing technologies, WASH-based technologies and hand-press brick-making technologies.



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PIND's Field Operations Manager, Florence Agbejule (left) presenting a certificate to a participant at the training on energy efficiency in buildings and renewable energy alternatives for university lecturers from five Niger Delta universities.

Reducing Energy Consumption through Sustainable Buildings

Sustainable buildings are energy efficient as they require less energy to run and save money. In the Niger Delta, energy is a significant issue. PIND is strengthening the capacity of building professionals and tutors in the region in sustainable building concepts. This support is enabling them to spread the practice to future builders and form partnerships to advocate for energy-efficient models in government policies.



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Some PIND team members at the Stakeholders Roundtable on Advancing the SDGs in the Niger Delta held in Warri Delta State, September 14, 2019

Online Platform for Development Discourse and Advocacy

To address the complex development challenges of the Niger Delta requires access to data, collaboration, coordination and connections among stakeholder groups. PIND's NDLink serves as a one-stop online shop where stakeholders connect, collaborate and share information on crucial Niger Delta issues and developments. NDLink has over 3,500 registered members, 100 organizational memberships, over 500 published projects and has had over 13 million visits since 2015. The platform hosted 19 development-oriented discussions in 2018 alone and has announced over 240 job openings



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ABOUT US

PIND is a non-profit organisation working to build partnership for peace and equitable economic development in the Niger Delta.

We hope to achieve a legacy of sustainable peace and development among communities in the Niger Delta.

We hold strongly to the core values of partnership and collaboration, learning and innovation, stewardship, sustainability and integrity.

Our Strategic priorities centre on economic development, peace building, capacity building and analysis and advocacy.

The Foundation's interventions span across all the nine (9) states of the Niger Delta: Abia, Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River, Delta, Edo, Imo, Ondo and Rivers.

We leverage our extensive local knowledge of the Delta, market driven approach expertise, access to market and peace actors, technical expertise, data resources, network of partners and strong convening power to bring real value to development in the Niger Delta.



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