

## Niger Delta Peace Champions 2026 Program



Applications are invited for the 2026 edition of the Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta's (PIND) Niger Delta Peace Champions (#NDPeaceChampions) Program. The program is for interested and qualified candidates who reside in Nigeria's Niger Delta region and are interested in supporting existing peacebuilding infrastructures and designing solutions to conflicts in their communities, thereby contributing to the overall goal of achieving sustainable peace.

Violent conflict is a key constraint to peace and development in the Niger Delta. PIND thus believes that peacebuilding knowledge and understanding of its Integrated Peace and Development Units (IPDU) conflict early warning reporting system would ensure a proactive response to emerging conflict issues through peace messaging, early warning/analysis, mediation and consensus-building by local stakeholders and partners.

The goal of this program is to expand PIND's network of peacebuilders by building their capacity in peacebuilding practice and processes for them to contribute to PINDs Early Warning and Early Response (EWER) system.

To expand the gains of the program, following the success of the Niger Delta Peace Champions program from the year 2022 to 2025, PIND will select young persons aged 18 to 35 who have shown to be leaders in their spheres, contributing to development in the Niger Delta in little or more ways. The program will bring together 90 youths who will gain new knowledge, network, share ideas and contribute to peace and development in the Niger Delta.

### **Benefits**

- Capacity building in peacebuilding, and conflict early warning and early response
- Become part of a network of young people and leaders who are creating a paradigm shift in the way the world interacts with and understands peace
- Mentorship towards leadership capabilities and career development
- All-expense paid participation in a 3-day peacebuilding and EWER training and workshop
- Contribute to a more peaceful Niger Delta and the world at large

### **Eligibility**

- Applicant must be resident in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria
- Applicant must be between the ages of 18 – 35 years.
- Availability to partake in one (1) in-person workshop in April 2026.
- Be a self-motivated and passion driven youth already contributing to the SDGs in any little way
- Have an idea of a peacebuilding intervention that can be implemented in your local community

### **Application**

Applications will close on Wednesday 18th March at 5:00 PM WAT. All applications must be submitted on or before the deadline.

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/xAEXncouQeUD5xoS6>

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