

# SEPLAT celebrates World Environment Day

Nigerian indigenous petroleum exploration and development firm, SEPLAT Petroleum Development Company Limited has unveiled its plans to celebrate this year's World Environment Day, which takes place annually on 5 June.



SEPLAT stated in a press statement that it is devoting time to commemorating and drawing attention to the environment and issues concerning it, as an environmentally friendly corporate entity. Some of the activities planned by the company include environment-centric educational activities, support for environment NGO's and environmental quiz competition for its employees.

This year's World Environment Day is significant and compliments the United Nations' vision of designating 2012 as the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All. The theme of this year's celebration is 'Green Economy: Does it include you? '

According to the company's general manager, corporate affairs and new business development, Dr. Chioma Nwachuku, preserving the environment is one of SEPLAT's top priorities and core values.

"We are mindful of our responsibility to help preserve the environment; we ensure that our operations are in complete harmony with the environment.

## Extending the environmental concern

"This year, we have extended our concern for the environment beyond the scope of our normal engagements to include environment centered educational activities for the youth. This is in tune with the theme for this year. Our objective is to make the students environmentally aware by engendering environmental consciousness for the young people in our immediate environment through an essay competition."

SEPLAT organised an essay competition with the title: "Challenges to achieving green economy in Nigeria, in its host communities" said Nwachuku.

The competition which was open to secondary school students within host communities in Delta and Edo States was conducted with the support of the chief inspectors of Education in the areas.

At the award ceremony taking place today, the three winning essays will be read out. Prof Akiri will also deliver a paper on the environment with emphasis on green economy which is in adherence to SEPLAT's commitment to the environment.

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