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Gombe State Policy Dialogue and Co-creation Workshop

The Environmental and Economic Resource Centre's series of engagements and interactions with different stakeholders in Gombe state led to the organization of a "state policy dialogue and co-creation workshop" by the Gombe State Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning (MBEP) in partnership with the Environmental and Economic Resource Centre (EERC) on May 9, 2024. MBEP is the government parastatal responsible for coordination of policy development discussions in the state.



The Honourable Commissioner, Gombe State Ministry Of Budget And Economic Planning (MBEP), Honourable Salihu Alkali With Some Stakeholders During "The Gombe State Policy Dialogue And Co-Creation Workshop"

The Policy Dialogue event witnessed high-level participants like permanent secretaries and Directors from the Ministries of Environment, Water and Forest Resources; Health; Education; Information, Culture and Ethical Orientation; Finance and Economic Development; Justice; Local Government and Community Development; Youths and Sports; Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperative; Joint National Association of Persons with Disability (JoNAPWD); Gombe State House of Assembly. the Honourable Commissioner of Gombe State Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning (MBEP), Honourable Salihu Baba Alkali gave the opening remarks in which he enthusiastically mentioned that the state governor was aware of the event and acknowledges EERC efforts in helping Gombe state build resilience against climate change. An effort he said aligns with the Gombe state 10-year action plan. Mercy Corp's Deputy Chief of Staff, Mr Nurein Abdulafattah who was ably represented by the

organization's Collaboration Learning Adaptation (CLA) Advisor for Gombe State, Mr Kevin Alufe delivered a goodwill message in which he gave an overview of the "Rural Resilience Activity" (RRA) in North-East Nigeria of which the "Building Climate Resilience and Carbon Market Opportunities in North-East Nigeria" project is a part of.

During this event, the Environmental and Economic Resource Centre (EERC) through the Climate Change Specialist, Ms Inimbom Bassey made a paper presentation on: "The State of Climate Change in Gombe State". Her presentation gave an overview of the current state of climate change in Gombe



Ms Inimbom Bassey, EERC Climate Change Specialist Presenting A Position Paper On: The State Of Climate Change In Gombe

State with distraught specific events and incidences experienced in recent times due to climate change that calls



Members Of Break-Out Session Group 4, Brainstorming During "The Gombe State Policy Dialogue And Co-Creation Workshop" In May 9, 2024

for urgent action and emphasized on the importance of addressing climate change in Gombe State. Mrs Ronke Adeniyi, the head of Yola Field office gave a summary



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The Environmental and Economic Resource Centre (EERC) also seized the opportunity the event presented to emphasize the need for stakeholders in the state to come together to dialogue and co-create the climate change Policy for the state as a crucial milestone in our collective efforts to combat climate change. The need to exchange ideas and insights and co-create solutions harnessing the power of collaboration and innovation to pave the way for a more sustainable and resilient future was highlighted.

The events ended on a positive note with all stakeholders highly motivated to collectively see to the development of a state climate change policy. All data and suggestions were collated, sorted and subsequently used in the development of the Climate Change Policy Draft for Gombe state.



Members Of Break-Out Session Group 1, Brainstorming During “The Gombe State Policy Dialogue And Co-Creation Workshop” In May 9, 2024



Cross section of Panel Discussant During the Event

The participants were divided into groups for the breakout session followed by panel discussion moderated by the EERC Climate Change Specialist. Discourse on the climate change peculiarities of the states was charted with pre-developed guiding questions which all groups and panel discussants deliberated on and came up with suggestive climate adaptation strategies and policy statements. All the participants were also encouraged to write out personal observations and suggestive solutions anonymously regarding the impact of climate change in the state. This approach aimed at tapping into the goldmine opinions of the less outspoken and speech impaired for inclusivity.



The EERC Head Of Field Office Presenting A Summary Of NCCP During The Gombe State Climate Change Policy Dialogue And Co-Creation Event