



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
(MOU)**

BETWEEN THE



**ENERGY COMMISSION OF NIGERIA
(ECN)**

AND



**NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORPS
(NYSC)**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made this 27th Day of April 2010 BETWEEN THE ENERGY COMMISSION OF NIGERIA (represented by the Director General of the Commission) hereinafter referred to as the "ECN" which expression shall, where the context so admits include, the successors, in titles and assigns of the one part,

AND

THE NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORPS (represented by the Director General of the National Youth Service Corps) hereinafter referred to as the "NYSC" which expression shall where the context so admits include the successors in title and assigns of the other part.

WHEREAS the ECN has approached the NYSC for cooperation in respect of Renewable Energy Technology dissemination to the rural areas of the country;

AND WHEREAS the NYSC has accepted to provide the services and to participate in the implementation of the project.

IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

A. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To introduce Corpers to renewable energy technologies as an instrument for self employment and economic empowerment.
2. To promote adequate supply of energy to all parts of the country, with emphasis on the rural areas.
3. To improve the overall standard of living of the rural dwellers through appropriate energy supply.
4. To sensitize and conscientize the rural communities on the needs and benefits of alternative sources of energy to kerosene and fuel wood (focus on solar energy and biomass).

5. To disseminate information on available new technologies that can utilize the alternative sources of energy.
6. To demonstrate, promote, and popularize the use of these new technologies among rural communities.
7. To monitor, assess and evaluate the acceptability, by the rural communities, of the new technologies.
8. To identify locations where it would be expedient to develop renewable energy application projects, based on the findings from (3-6) above.
9. To prevent soil degradation and desertification through activities that would reduce pressure on woodlots as sources of fuels, and encourage a healthier, friendlier and richer environment.

B STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

For the purposes of the realization of the objectives of this memorandum, the parties have undertaken to do as follows:

1. Pool resources together for the common goal of the project.
2. Organize training of corps members and supervisors of corps members on alternative sources of energy, their conversion technologies and promotion strategies. This will be undertaken by the ECN either during orientation course programmes or any other appropriate time.
3. Educate grassroots communities on the various energy sources, with emphasis on solar energy, biomass and their advantages.
4. Ensure the dissemination by corps members of the new technologies that utilize alternative energy sources, to the rural communities.
5. Create the enabling environment that will encourage corps members to identify significant opportunities for utilizing solar energy and biomass for solving rural energy supply problems in their various service locations, and to report these to the ECN through the NYSC.
6. Encourage corps members to carry out their primary assignments on renewable energy application projects whenever feasible.
7. Co-operate in carrying out renewable energy intervention projects, as may be appropriate.
8. Seek the cooperation of the Traditional Rulers, LG Chairmen; Village Heads Community based Organizations and Associations of Rural

Women, Youths in Secondary Primary Schools for the execution of the foregoing strategies.

9. Conduct Practical Training of NYSC members to Design, Construct and operate simple Renewable Energy Devices.
10. Introduce and Encourage NYSC members that have mastered production of RE devices to financial institutions to secure loans.

C. CO-ORDINATION

1. The usual hierarchical lines of communication existing in the civil service shall apply.
2. ECN and NYSC shall meet from time to time to plan the different stages of the overall project including workshops, primary assignments, rural energy interventions, posting of the right number and caliber of corps member to on-going projects of ECN across the country, as well as for project monitoring and appraisal.
3. Officials of both collaborating bodies shall undertake monitoring of projects.
4. Quarterly reports on the programme shall be prepared and disseminated to all relevant Organizations and Ministries.

D. FUNDING

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- ECN should source for funds for the project from the Federal government.
- ECN will provide the major funding for the sensitization workshop as well as the workshop practices.
- ECN will finance the field projects at various locations in the state.
- ECN Staff will be used to monitor the projects sites at various locations in the state.
- The materials and equipment required for establishing the field projects shall be provided by the ECN

NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORPS (NYSC)

- The manpower of corps members required for the project should be provided by the NYSC.
- NYSC Staff will also be used to monitor the projects sites at various locations in the states.

E. ASSETS.

The materials and equipment required for establishing the field projects would be provided by the ECN. Accordingly, such assets shall be properties of the ECN.

F. CONTINUITY AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PROJECTS

The ECN shall, where possible, absorb some of the corps members who work on these projects during any service year for the purposes of perpetuating the projects.

G. COMMENCEMENT

The Memorandum of Understanding shall become operative on the date of signing of the

M. O. U. by the Chief Executives of the joint participants i.e. ECN and NYSC.

H. TERMINATION

This M. O. U. shall continue to be binding until terminated by either party after giving one-month notice with sufficient reasons.

I. APPLICABLE LAW

1. This M.O.U. shall be governed by the laws of Nigeria.
2. For any matters not specifically covered by this arrangement, the appropriate provisions of the project document and the appropriate provisions of financial regulations and the rules of the cooperating agencies shall, **Mutatis Mutandis**, apply.

J. AMENDMENT

Amendments to these arrangements shall be effected by mutual agreement through an appropriate supplementary M.O.U. OR an addendum to the

agreement. Anything not covered by this M.O.U. shall be effected by mutual agreement of both parties.

AGREED TO AND SIGNED BY:



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Energy Commission of Nigeria



Brig. Gen. M.T. Tsiga
Director General/CEO
National Youth Service Corps

Dated this day 27th of April 2010

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