



CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (CSDDevNet)

QUARTER THREE (3) NEWSLETTER

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Established 10 November 2011 with a membership of 300 organisations cutting across the six geo-political zones in Nigeria, Climate & Sustainable Development Network (CSDDevNet), accredited by UNFCCC with 300+ member organisations across Nigeria, Building Climate Resilience Through Partnerships, Innovation and Community Action.



MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear Partners, Members, Friends and Supporters,

The third quarter of 2026 was a period of significant institutional strengthening, community engagement, policy advocacy and partnership building for Climate and Sustainable Development Network of Nigeria (CSDDevNet).

CSDDevNet continued to translate its commitment to climate action and sustainable development into practical initiatives at community, state and national levels. Our work ranged from strengthening internal governance and

results-based management to equipping grassroots organisations with climate communication skills, advocating for stronger urban resilience in Abuja, supporting community-led environmental action in Kogi and Kaduna States, and advancing dialogue on the implementation of Nigeria's climate commitments.

The quarter also reinforced an important principle that guides our work: effective climate action requires strong institutions, informed communities, evidence-based policy engagement and meaningful partnerships.

Our engagement with government

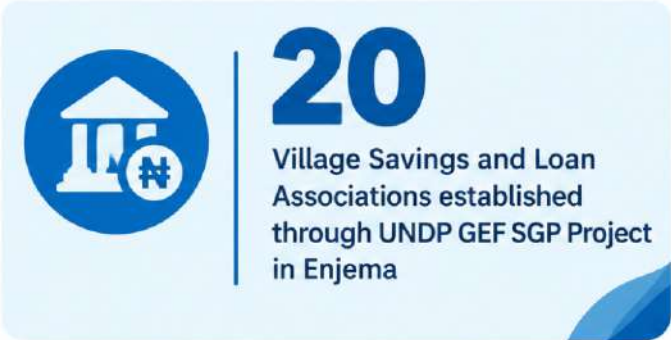
institutions, civil society organisations, communities, traditional and religious leaders, development partners, youth and other stakeholders demonstrates the importance of collective action in addressing Nigeria's interconnected climate and environmental challenges.

As we look towards the final quarter of 2026, CSDevNet remains committed to strengthening climate resilience, advancing sustainable livelihoods, supporting community-led solutions and ensuring local experiences and evidence inform climate policy and implementation.



Mr. Steve Abuh
National Network Coordinator,
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Network (CSDevNet)

Q3 AT A GLANCE





1. STRENGTHENING CSDevNet's GOVERNANCE AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY



During the quarter, CSDevNet convened a one-day capacity-strengthening workshop focused on “Strengthening Governance and Institutional Capacity of CSDevNet National Platform.”

The engagement brought together staff and key members of the network to strengthen institutional systems, improve organisational effectiveness and establish standardised tools for project implementation, monitoring, reporting and evidence-based policy engagement.

The workshop reinforced the importance of strong governance, accountability and effective coordination as CSDevNet continues to expand its national and

regional engagements.

The technical sessions addressed two important areas. The first focused on strengthening governance of the CSDevNet National Platform, including coordination, accountability, clarification of roles and responsibilities, communication among member organisations and transparent decision-making.

The second session examined Results-Based Management (RBM) and its application to programme design, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and learning. Participants explored how results frameworks and performance

indicators can improve organisational performance, demonstrate impact and strengthen accountability to donors, partners and communities.

The workshop also featured participatory group sessions to review and validate two important organisational tools.

Participants reviewed the CSDevNet Project Tracking Template, identifying implementation gaps and agreeing on improvements to support consistent project planning, monitoring, reporting and organisational learning.

A second group reviewed the CSDevNet Policy Brief Template, strengthening its structure and content to improve the

quality and consistency of policy briefs produced across the network.

The revised tools were presented during plenary for discussion and validation, with participants agreeing on practical steps towards institutionalising their use across the network. The engagement represents an important milestone in CSDevNet's continued efforts to strengthen governance, accountability, collaboration, innovation and institutional learning.



2. EQUIPPING GRASSROOTS ORGANISATIONS TO TRANSLATE CLIMATE KNOWLEDGE INTO ACTION



On 1 September 2026, CSDevNet convened a Climate Literacy Translation Workshop at its secretariat in Lugbe, Abuja.

The workshop brought together grassroots organisations and civil society actors to examine the information and communication needs of communities, farmers and small and medium-sized enterprises and explore ways of making climate information more accessible, understandable and actionable.

The engagement emphasised that climate action requires more than technical knowledge and policy development. Communities must be able

to understand climate risks, opportunities and available responses in ways that connect with their everyday realities.

A session on Climate Finance and Climate Literacy Information Needs, facilitated by Mrs. Rifkatu Joseph of Eco-friendly Sensitisation and Advocacy, identified challenges including limited access to relevant climate information, complex technical terminology and inadequate understanding of climate finance opportunities.

Participants also explored community perceptions of climate change and the importance of communication approaches that recognise local

experiences and build trust.

The workshop incorporated perspectives from farmers and other local actors, including concerns around disease outbreaks, agricultural chemicals and the need for stronger support for sustainable farming practices.

A major component was the Group Translation and Co-Design Exercise, facilitated by Mr. Paul Joseph, Programme Officer, CSDevNet. Participants worked in groups to translate technical climate concepts into simple, accurate and practical messages for grassroots audiences.

The exercise considered local language, community realities, practical examples and the information needs of different groups.

Participants subsequently presented their outputs during a Plenary Validation Session, allowing the messages to be

reviewed and refined.

The workshop also explored practical climate mitigation measures, including tree planting, reducing bush burning, improved waste management, recycling and the appropriate use of animal manure.

Discussions further examined opportunities for green jobs, including waste sorting, recycling, community clean-up initiatives and renewable energy, with particular attention to communities transitioning from climate-sensitive or environmentally damaging livelihoods.

The outcomes will contribute to the development of a comprehensive Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Toolkit designed to support grassroots organisations, CSOs and communities in communicating climate risks, opportunities and practical responses.



3.

CSDDevNet AND UY4ESI CALL FOR A FLOOD-RESILIENT ABUJA

Recurring flooding across the Federal Capital Territory remained an important environmental governance and urban resilience concern during the quarter.

CSDDevNet, in collaboration with its youth-led member organisation United Youths 4 Environmental Sustainability Initiatives (UY4ESI), issued a joint statement calling for stronger urban resilience, risk reduction and responsible environmental governance in Abuja.

The statement highlighted flooding incidents affecting areas including Lugbe, Trademore, Lokogoma, Wuse 2, Gudu, Gaduwa and Durumi, as well as other districts across the FCT.

CSDDevNet and UY4ESI noted that flood impacts are shaped not only by rainfall but also by exposure, vulnerability and coping capacity.

The organisations called attention to the conversion or misuse of floodplains, wetlands, waterways, drainage corridors and green spaces, alongside inadequate drainage maintenance, waste disposal and weaknesses in development control.

The joint statement called for:

- Comprehensive assessment of Abuja's flood-risk hotspots.
- Protection of floodplains, wetlands, green spaces and natural drainage corridors.
- Regular maintenance and upgrading of drainage infrastructure.
- Stronger enforcement of planning and environmental regulations.
- Improved solid waste management.
- Adequate technical and financial support for regulatory institutions
- Stronger flood early-warning, preparedness and early-action systems.
- Greater use of nature-based solutions and green infrastructure.
- Meaningful participation of communities, civil society, academia and the private sector.

CSDDevNet emphasised that sustainable flood management requires a shift towards prevention, preparedness, stronger governance and long-term urban resilience.

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4.

CSDevNet HOSTS DIALOGUE ON FLOOD-RESILIENT ABUJA

The poster for the webinar features logos at the top for the United Nations, PACJA, UNFCCC, and the United Nations Environment Programme. Below the logos, the word "WEBINAR" is in a red oval, followed by the title "BEYOND EMERGENCY RESPONSE: BUILDING A FLOOD-RESILIENT ABUJA" in large green letters. The speakers are arranged in two rows. The first row includes Dr. Priscilla Achakpa (Keynote Speaker), Abuh Monday (Speaker), and Musa Ibrahim (Panelist). The second row includes Richard Umar (Panelist), Elona Erezi (Panelist), and Mariam Idris (Moderator). At the bottom, a green bar contains the time "2pm WAT", the date "15 September, 2026", and the platform "Zoom".

DR. PRISCILLA ACHAKPA
Global Lead, Women Environmental Program
Keynote Speaker

ABUH MONDAY
National Network Coordinator, CSDevNet
Speaker

MUSA IBRAHIM
Executive Director, UY4ESI
Panelist

RICHARD UMAR
Founder/CEO, Community Development & Climate Care
Panelist

ELONA EREZI
Climate, Health & Environment Leader
Panelist

MARIAM IDRIS
Program Assistant, CSDevNet
Moderator

🕒 2pm WAT 📅 15 September, 2026 🔗 Zoom

Building on the joint advocacy, CSDevNet and UY4ESI convened a virtual webinar on 15 September 2026 titled:

“Beyond Emergency Response: Building a Flood-Resilient Abuja”

The webinar brought together civil society actors, climate advocates, development practitioners and other stakeholders to examine recurring flooding in the FCT and identify practical pathways for strengthening prevention, preparedness and urban resilience.

In his welcome remarks, CSDevNet National Network Coordinator Mr. Abu M. Stephen emphasised the need to move beyond emergency interventions towards sustained investments in prevention, preparedness, enforcement and long-term urban resilience.

The keynote address, “Moving from Reaction to Prevention: Integrated Urban

Governance and Community Partnership,” was delivered by Dr. Priscilla Mbarumun Achakpa, Founder and Global Lead of the Women Environmental Programme (WEP).

The discussion emphasised gender-responsive climate resilience, meaningful participation of marginalised groups and communities, anticipatory action and the need to connect early warning with early action.

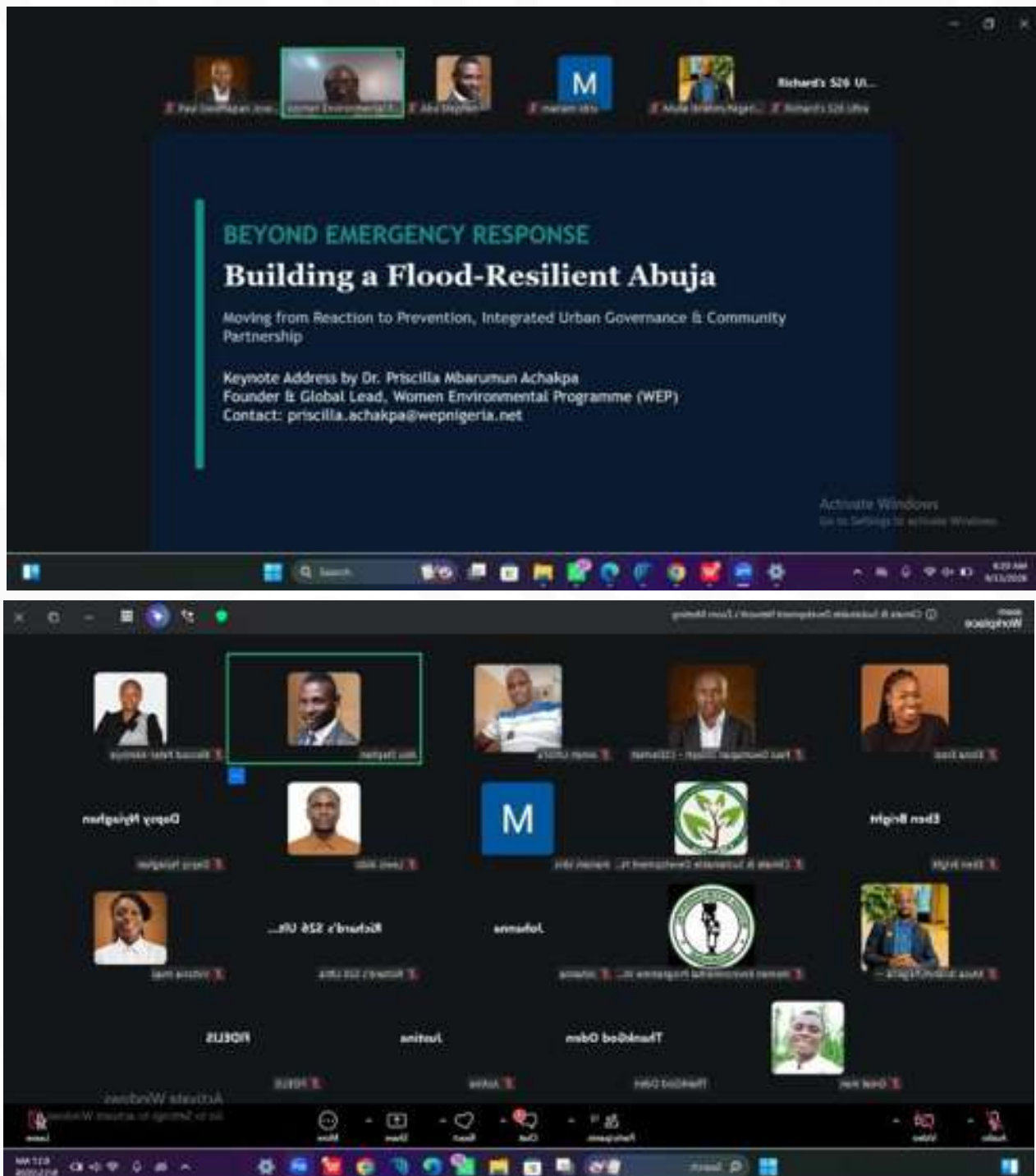
The webinar identified five strategic priorities for Abuja's flood resilience:

1. Comprehensive flood-risk mapping.
2. Protection of wetlands, waterways and drainage corridors.

3. Inclusion of marginalised groups in planning.
4. Investment in preventive infrastructure.
5. Annual measurement of risk reduction.

Participants also examined the need for stronger institutional coordination, improved drainage systems, protection of the Abuja Master Plan, improved waste management and accessible early-warning communication.

The webinar concluded with a call for coordinated action among government, civil society, communities and development partners and encouraged CSOs to conduct research, document flood impacts, engage government with evidence-based solutions, sensitise communities and strengthen accountability.



5.

CSDDevNet CALLS FOR PROACTIVE RESPONSE TO ABUJA EARTH TREMORS

In August, CSDDevNet responded to earth tremors recorded in the Federal Capital Territory with a call for stronger scientific oversight, environmental regulation and proactive risk management.

Following seismic events recorded in Abuja, CSDDevNet acknowledged the administrative response and calls for calm while stressing the importance of strengthening scientific monitoring, land-use governance and environmental regulation.

The organisation called for closer attention to anthropogenic pressures, including quarrying, rock blasting and unregulated groundwater abstraction in areas identified as potentially vulnerable.

CSDDevNet's recommendations included:

Stronger regulation of anthropogenic pressures:

An audit and stricter regulation of quarrying, industrial rock blasting and deep groundwater abstraction around vulnerable areas.

Upgraded seismic monitoring:
Greater investment in real-time, high-density seismic monitoring networks across the FCT and neighbouring states.

Stronger EIAs and building standards:
Rigorous environmental impact assessments and geologically informed building requirements for major construction and infrastructure projects.

Community-centred preparedness:
Public education, structural safety awareness and emergency preparedness measures for communities in potentially affected areas.

CSDDevNet reaffirmed its commitment to working with government institutions, researchers and communities to promote environmental accountability and safeguards for sustainable development.



6. CSDDevNet CONTRIBUTES TO AFRICA'S CLIMATE IMPLEMENTATION AGENDA AT CCDA-XIV



The Climate and Sustainable Development Network (CSDDevNet) joined key African and global stakeholders at the 14th Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA-XIV), held from 7–9 September 2026.

Convened under the theme “From Pledges to Implementation: The Belem–Antalya–Addis Roadmap,” CCDA-XIV provided an important platform for advancing conversations on Africa's climate and sustainable development priorities.



From left: **Dr. Sam Ogallah**, CSDDevNet Board Member, **Hon. Sam Onuigbo**, CSDDevNet Patron & **Mr. Abuh Stephen**, CSDDevNet National Network Coordinator at the 14th Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA-XIV)

The conference was convened in partnership with the African Union Commission (AUC), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), African Development Bank (AfDB), and African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank), bringing together policymakers, development institutions, civil society organisations, climate practitioners and other stakeholders from across Africa and beyond.

Discussions focused on key areas of Africa's climate agenda, including Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) 3.0, National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, the Enhanced Transparency Framework, and Africa's priorities ahead of COP31 and COP32.

For CSDevNet, participation in CCDA-XIV reinforced the Network's commitment to connecting global and continental climate commitments with practical implementation at national and community levels.

The conference provided an opportunity to engage in conversations around the challenges and opportunities involved in moving from commitments to

implementation and ensuring that climate ambition translates into measurable development outcomes for African communities.

CSDevNet remains committed to contributing to platforms that advance Africa's climate priorities and strengthen the link between policy, implementation, evidence, finance and community action.

From Pledges to Implementation

As Africa continues to strengthen its climate commitments, CSDevNet recognises the importance of ensuring that ambitious targets are supported by practical implementation, inclusive governance, adequate financing and locally grounded solutions.

The Network's participation at CCDA-XIV reflects its continued engagement in regional climate processes and its commitment to ensuring that African perspectives and community realities remain central to conversations on climate action and sustainable development.

From pledges to implementation. From ambition to action. From commitments to impact.



7. HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION AND THE PARIS AGREEMENT



On 16 September 2026, CSDevNet convened a High-Level Dialogue on Community Climate Action and the Implementation of the Paris Agreement in Lokoja, Kogi State.

The dialogue formed part of the side events associated with the Enjema Land Restoration Project and brought together state stakeholders, civil society organisations and other actors to strengthen collaboration around community-led climate action.

The engagement focused on strengthening the connection between local climate action, state-level planning and Nigeria's climate commitments, particularly as stakeholders prepare towards COP31 in Türkiye.

CSDevNet National Network Coordinator Mr. Steve Abuh emphasised the need to translate community-level climate action into Nigeria's NDC 3.0 and ensure that local experiences and tested solutions inform national climate implementation.

Mr. Michael Onimisi Ajibade, Director-General of the Kogi State Climate Change Agency, highlighted the state's progress towards developing its Climate Change Action Plan and Policy and called for

stronger collaboration between government and civil society.

A technical session facilitated by Mr. Paul Joseph, Programme Officer, CSDevNet, titled "Community Climate Action, NDCs & NAPs: From Local Action to National Climate Implementation," examined the role of farmers, women, youth, traditional institutions and grassroots organisations in translating national climate priorities into practical action.

The session highlighted climate-smart agriculture, land restoration, water management, renewable energy, livelihood diversification and community governance as important pathways for strengthening climate resilience.

The dialogue also examined gaps between policy, planning, finance, implementation, evidence and accountability.

A panel discussion on "Localising the Paris Agreement: From Community Evidence to Policy" further explored how community knowledge and evidence can inform climate policy and how participation by women, youth, Indigenous peoples and grassroots organisations can be strengthened.

The dialogue reinforced CSDevNet's commitment to ensuring that community experience contributes meaningfully to Nigeria's climate commitments and implementation of the Paris Agreement.



8.

ENJEMA PROJECT CLOSE-OUT: SUSTAINING COMMUNITY-LED CLIMATE SOLUTIONS



Also on 16 September 2026, CSDevNet, with financial support from the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF-SGP), implemented by UNDP, held the close-out event of its Enjema project in Lokoja, Kogi State.

The project, titled:

“Addressing Land Degradation and Climate Change through Sustainable Agriculture in Coal Mining Communities, Enjema District, Ankpa Local Government Area, Kogi State,”

addressed interconnected challenges associated with land degradation, unsustainable land use, climate variability and the legacy of coal mining.

The project implemented an integrated package of interventions covering:

- Climate-smart agriculture.
- Renewable energy.
- Sustainable aquaculture.
- Agroforestry.
- Financial inclusion.
- Participatory environmental governance.

The close-out event brought together more than 50 participants, including representatives of the Kogi State Government, participating communities, traditional institutions, civil society organisations, development partners and the media.



ADDRESSING LAND DEGRADATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Key achievements highlighted included:

- Establishment of 20 Village Savings and Loan Associations.
- Training and organisation of more than 1,000 community members.
- Establishment of 20 community managed aquaculture ponds.
- Production and stocking of 10,000 catfish juveniles.
- Planting of 1,000 Tenera oil palm seedlings.
- Establishment of 8 hectares of community land for agroforestry.
- Development and validation of on Community Green Action Plan (CoGAP).
- Establishment of a climate-smart demonstration farm.
- Installation of a solar-powered water supply system.
- Promotion of integrated farming systems and land restoration.

The event featured reflections from government representatives, community leaders and development partners on the importance of sustaining the gains achieved.

Dr. Ibironke Olubamise, National Coordinator of the GEF Small Grants Programme, encouraged participating communities to take ownership of the interventions and sustain the results beyond the project period.

The event also featured the launch of the project's knowledge management magazine and documentary, documenting the experiences, lessons and impacts of the intervention.



The Enjema experience demonstrates how community-led environmental action can connect land restoration, sustainable livelihoods, financial inclusion, climate resilience and local governance.



9.

WORLD CLEANUP DAY 2026: YOUTH-LED ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION IN ZARIA



This was followed by a community clean-up exercise across selected public spaces and drainage areas. A major practical component was the installation of three colour-coded waste sorting bins for:

- Plastic waste
- Organic waste
- General/residual waste

CSDevNet partnered with Climate Alaramma Sustainable Development Initiative (CASDI) and Yanayi Haki Afriqya (YHA) to commemorate World Cleanup Day 2026 in Sabon Gari, Zaria, Kaduna State.

Held under the theme:

“Clean Communities, Healthy Future: Youth-Led Action for Environmental Stewardship”

the activity brought together approximately 100 community members, including youth, women, traditional and religious leaders, environmental volunteers, community development representatives and other local stakeholders.

The initiative combined environmental education with practical community action. Participants discussed environmental pollution, indiscriminate waste disposal, waste segregation, recycling opportunities, individual and collective responsibility and the relationship between waste management and climate change.

Community representatives were engaged to support the proper use and maintenance of the bins.

Youth participation was central to the initiative, with young people involved in mobilisation, awareness creation, environmental volunteering and the clean-up exercise.

The intervention also reinforced the connection between waste management and climate resilience. Uncontrolled waste can block drainage systems, contribute to flooding, pollute land and water resources and create additional health risks.



The activity concluded with a symbolic environmental pledge, reinforcing the importance of sustained community ownership and responsible environmental behaviour beyond a single cleanup event.

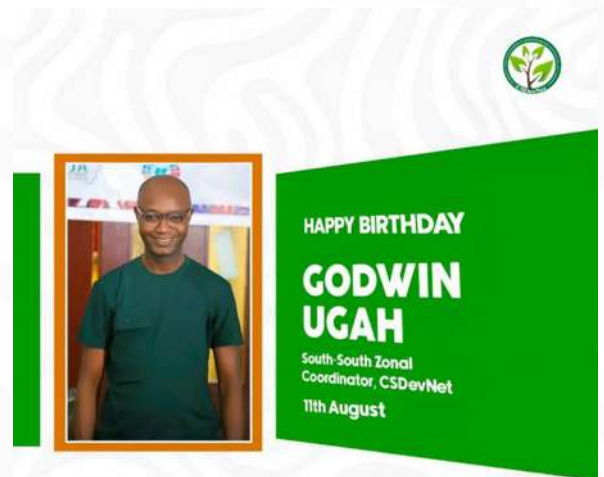
10. CELEBRATING OUR PEOPLE



Mariam Idris

CSDevNet also took time during the quarter to celebrate members of its team.

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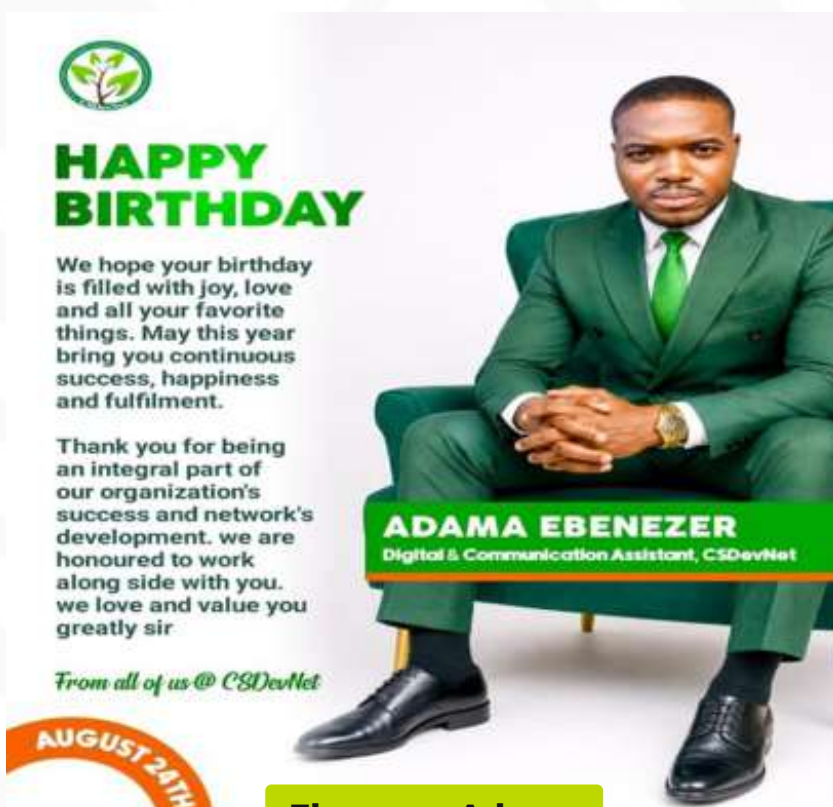
Your dedication, expertise, and unwavering passion for excellence continue to inspire us all. Today, we celebrate your remarkable impact and wish you a birthday filled with joy, love, laughter, and even greater success in the year ahead.

From all of us @CSDevNet

Godwin Uga

The CSDevNet family appreciates their dedication, professionalism and contributions to the organisation's work.

We wish them continued success, fulfilment, good health and new opportunities in the year ahead.



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CSDevNet welcomes partnerships with organisations committed to climate action, sustainable agriculture, environmental governance, climate justice and community resilience across Nigeria and Africa.

Together, we can strengthen locally driven solutions and build more resilient communities and sustainable systems.

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