

COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF A ONE DAY CONFERENCE, ORGANIZED BY RCE KANO IN COLLABORATION WITH ZAMFARA ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK (ZEN) TO MARK THE 2018 UNITED NATIONS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, HELD ON TUESDAY 5th JUNE, 2018, AT J.B. YAKUBU SECRETERATE CONFERENCE HALL, GUSAU, ZAMFARA STATE, NIGERIA.

RCE Kano in collaboration with Zamfara Environmental Network (ZEN) and Centre for Renewable Energy and Action on Climate Change organized a one day conference with a view to have a critical view on environment and security challenges affecting northern Nigeria and proffer solutions to them.

In recent years, northern Nigeria especially part of North West and North East has witnessed numerous chaos and conflicts between herders and farmers due to environmental degradation.

The aim of the conference was to proffer solutions to this unending conflicts using World Environment Day WED as an avenue, this is in order to invite stakeholders including security agencies to contribute their quota for a favorable environment for all.

At the end of the conference, the following robust and resourceful resolutions were reached:

1. All the stakeholders who spoke during the conference agreed that the issue of environmental degradation is one of the greatest threats facing the world in this 21st Century and particularly northern Nigeria.

2. All participants are of the view that, menace of environmental degradation is a multifaceted phenomenon that cut across the areas of health, water, security, and economy among others.
3. To protect northern Nigeria's small forests, its wildlife and other natural environment, security agencies need to play a pivotal role.
4. That for the problems to be addressed or minimized, transformative collaboration among stakeholders such as international organizations, national governments, NGOs, states, local governments, public and private sectors, media organizations, political as well as religious leaders must key-in and act decisively.
5. Above all, and most essentially, without reasonable funding, accomplishing or reversing the spotlighted problems will be a pipe dream.

Signed

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