

# **Nigerian Pollinator Network: Contributions towards achieving Food Security and Land Degradation Neutrality Post Covid-19 Era**

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**Nigerian Delegates to the  
Anglophone Africa Regional  
Dialogue: Bright Spots for Land  
Degradation Neutrality, Pollinators  
and Food Security held on 28-30  
May 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya.**

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**Successful Hosting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the National Triologue Team on LDN Country Action Plan and Official Signing of the Declaration of the Coalition of the Willing on Pollinators.**







**Review and Update of the LDN Country Action Plan to address the threats to pollinators in a way that enhances food security and contributes to land degradation neutrality targets for Nigeria and Development of a National Data-base for pollinators.**





**Participants at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the National Triologue Team on LDN Country Action Plan and Development of Work-plan.**



**Three Working Groups were established to work with the Consultant on the Work-plan at the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Triologue Meeting.**

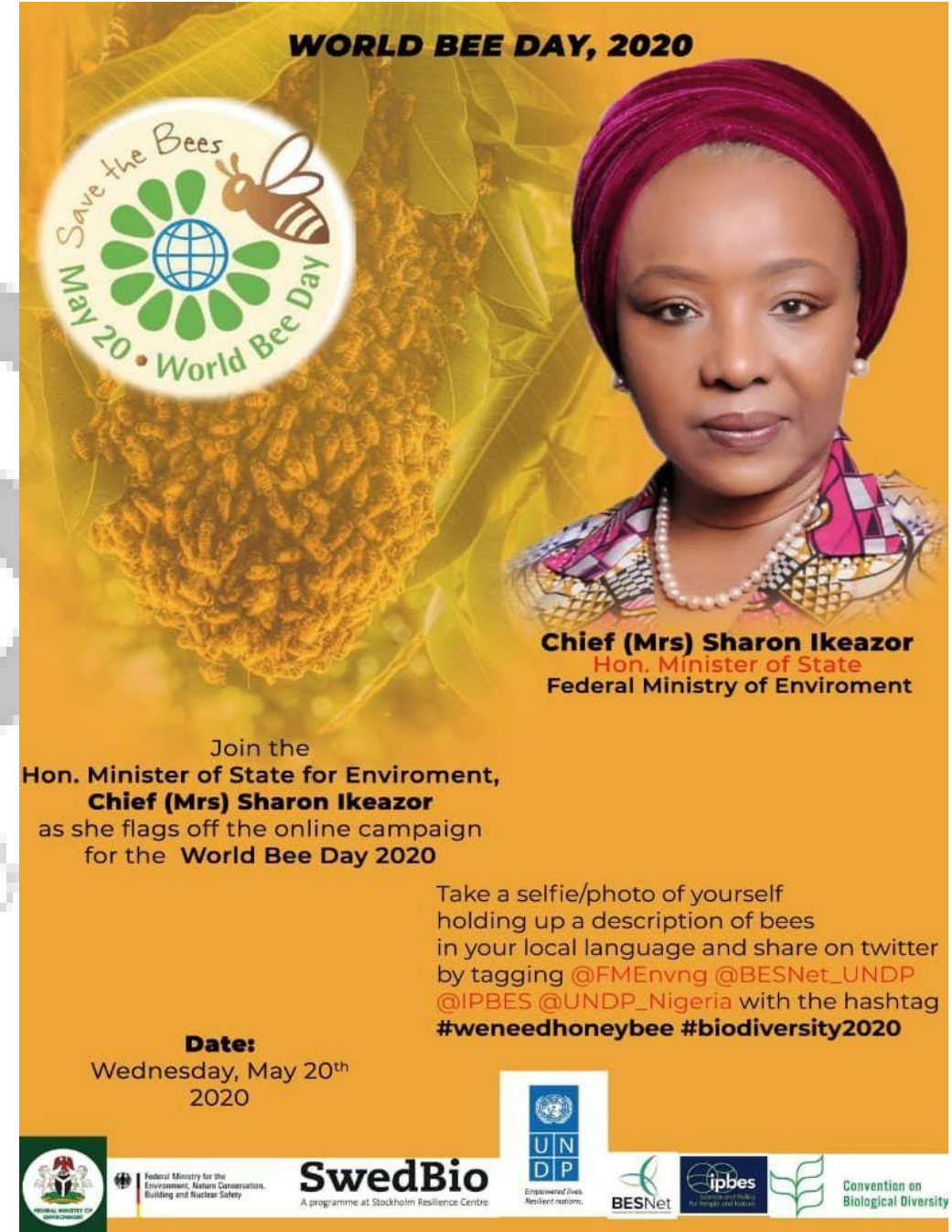


# World Bee Day Campaign 2020

**Goal:** To create awareness on the role of bees and other pollinators for the ecosystem.

**Activity:** Twitter campaign: About 1000 people in various 26 States in Nigeria including FCT participated in the World Bee Day Twitter Campaign

The campaign was flagged off by the Honourable Minister of the Environment, Dr. Muhammad Mahmood, Honourable Minister of State for the Environment, Chief (Mrs) Sharon Ikeazor and the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Environment, Dr Bakari Wadinga



**WORLD BEE DAY, 2020**







Save the Bees  
May 20 • World Bee Day

**Chief (Mrs) Sharon Ikeazor**  
Hon. Minister of State  
Federal Ministry of Environment

Join the  
Hon. Minister of State for Environment,  
**Chief (Mrs) Sharon Ikeazor**  
as she flags off the online campaign  
for the **World Bee Day 2020**

Take a selfie/photo of yourself  
holding up a description of bees  
in your local language and share on twitter  
by tagging **@FMEnvng @BESNet\_UNDP @IPBES @UNDP\_Nigeria** with the hashtag  
**#weneedhoneybee #biodiversity2020**

**Date:**  
Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
2020

Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety

**SwedBio**  
A programme at Stockholm Resilience Centre

UNDP  
Empowered lives.  
Resilient nations.

IPBES  
Integrating people and nature  
for a sustainable future

BESNet

Convention on  
Biological Diversity



**Honourable Minister for the Environment,  
Dr. Muhammad Mahmood**

**Honourable Minister of State for the  
Environment, Chief Sharon Ikeazor Esq**







**Honourable Minister of State  
for the Environment, Chief  
Sharon Ikeazor Esq**



**Immediate Past Permanent  
Secretary of the Federal  
Ministry of Environment, Dr  
Bakari Wadinga**







## Children participated at the 2020 World Bee Day Campaign





Social Media: Trended on Twitter  
with 6,967 Tweets

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## Nigeria trends

- 1 **#BiafraExit**  
38.4K Tweets
- 2 **#WeNeedHoneyBee**  
6,967 Tweets
- 3 **#MercyEkeCEOLamboHomes**  
57.2K Tweets
- 4 **#TachalsContent**  
30.2K Tweets
- 5 **#NotAGoodMoveGotv**  
2,389 Tweets



# Our Key Learning Points

- Pollinator conservation as an example of nature based solutions in key to our Covid-19 recovery
- Need to update existing data base on pollinators in Nigeria
- Need to improve on awareness and advocacy on pollinators through creation of Nigerian Pollinators Project on inaturalist App (Sensitization Workshops on Data Entry, promotion of the app on various platforms)
- Capacity Building for farmers, attitude and perception on pollinators (e.g Building capacity of farmers in our demonstration plot and development of Farmers Friendly Manual for Farm Pollinators in Nigeria vis a vis reduction in pesticide use)
- Enhancement of farmers livelihoods farmers in target communities (E.g Equipping them with pollinator-friendly containers)



# Policy-science-practice community interface on Pollinators in Nigeria

- On-going engagement with Nigerian Lawmakers on legislation for protection of pollinators
- Development of a Government Led National pollinator policy/strategy (Implementation has commenced, First component- Development of Status Report on Pollinators and Second Component- Stock taking and assessment of pollinators in Nigeria) is on-going). Hope to partner with Naturalis Biodiversity Center in Netherlands
- Targeted research programmes where government direct policies to promote research (Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) adopting grants specific for pollinator research)
- Government policy on citizen science to improve knowledge on pollinators in the society
- Encourage policies that could improve agro-ecological based farming (Biodiversity-Friendly agricultural practices).



# **Triologue Contributions to further co-operation between participating Countries**

- **Knowledge Sharing**
- **Data exchange on policies, legislative and citizen science procedures**

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# Our engagement with Indigenous and local knowledge holders on pollinators

- **Local knowledge can enhance pollinator conservation at the community level (e.g which local plants could aid or promote on farm pollinator increase)**
- **Synergize both local knowledge and science and technology to develop key strategies**
- **Awareness on Valuation and values regarding pollinators with local people**

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# Moving Forward....

- **Implementation of remaining part of our 2020 Work plan**
- **Next meeting of the National Trialogue Team**
- **Implementation of 2021 Work plan**

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