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LITE-Africa Host Project Kick-off Meeting on Promoting Effective Niger Delta Institutions

Leadership Initiative for Transformation and Empowerment (LITE-Africa) through "Promoting Effective Niger Delta Institutions through Improved Social Accountability (PENDISA)", under the Strengthening Advocacy and Civic Engagement project is organizing a kick-off meeting for stakeholders on Thursday 22nd October, 2014 at LITE-Africa corporate office, Uti extension, Effurun, Warri, Delta State.

The meeting is aimed at sensitizing key stakeholders and partners on project objectives, implementation strategies, and roles and responsibilities.

PENDISA seeks to strengthen citizens' demand and voice in relation to Niger Delta institutions by ensuring that they become more transparent and accountable, through evidence-based advocacy. The project is being implemented in 12 communities in Delta and Ondo state.

The Strengthening Advocacy and Civic Engagement project is a five-year project which aims to strengthen the capacity of national civil society clusters to engage on specific issues such as local governance, education and women participation, to improve transparency, accountability and good governance in

Nigeria. This project is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in partnership with Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND).

About LITE-Africa

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