

COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF A ONE DAY SEMINAR ON MUNDUS MARIS AND ARTS FOR OCEAN SUSTAINABILITY ON OCTOBER, 9TH 2018
VENUE: SENATE CHAMBER, UNIVERSITY OF CALABAR, CALABAR, CROSS RIVER STATE, NIGERIA

The Seminar on Mundus maris asbl - Science and Art and Sustainability was jointly organized by the Faculty of Oceanography, the Institute of Oceanography and the Centre for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE), University of Calabar, Nigeria.

The Seminar was organized on the Platform of MACORN - a non profit Ocean Conservation network based in the Faculty of Oceanography, University of Calabar

The University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Zana I. Akpagu was the Chairman and Chief Host at the Seminar. The Vice Chancellor was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Uche C. Amalu who gave the Opening Remarks.

The Coordinator of MACORN-UNICAL, Prof. Francis E. Asuquo led the presentation on the activities of the network and global visibility and international awards worn. The high point of the Seminar was the presentation by the Guest presenter and Vice President of Mundus maris asbl, Prof. Stella Williams on "Connecting with the Oceans". She x-rayed the activities, principles and networking of Mundus maris asbl within and outside of Nigeria. She recognized and appreciated Prof. Sieghard Holzloehner of the Institute of Oceanography, for the role he played with regards to many of the educational development and support for young scholars studies in Germany.

Other speakers included Dr. Idom Inyabri of the Department of English and Literary Studies, University of Calabar, who portrayed the importance of literature in connecting man with the oceans and Mr. Emmanuel Owan of the Nigerian Conservation Foundation, who spoke on the conservation activities of the Foundation. Prof. Eno Nta, the Director CTLE presented a poem on how irreverent exploitation of ocean resources could spell doom to people who otherwise depend on it. for livelihood and survival.

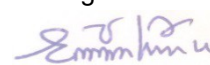
The Seminar was attended by eminent Professors from the University, representatives of government and non-governmental agencies and organizations among whom were Mr. Biodun Oluwadare of the Federal Department of Fisheries, Calabar; Mrs. Maria Oga Ojugbo, Director, Fisheries Development Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Calabar, Cross River State and Prof. Efiom Antia, a Fellow of the African. Academy of Sciences, University of Calabar as well as many Professors that included Prof. Francis Nwosu who is presently on sabbatical leave at the Niger Delta University, Yenogoa, Bayelsa State.

At the end of the Seminar the Participants agreed as follows:

1. That the Mundis maris asbl, and the MACORN of UNICAL collaborate strongly through joint activities on Ocean conservation and in this regard that the University of Calabar and Mundus maris issue and sign off a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to guide their collaboration and joint activities
2. That the Mundus maris asbl and MACORN, UNICAL should collaborate with the Nigerian Conservation Foundation to incorporate Ocean conservation into programmes and activities of the Nigerian Conservation which are currently lacking.
3. That the MACORN UNICAL grow her membership both within and outside the university by encouraging ocean lovers to register and financially contribute to activities of the network
4. That MACORN UNICAL bring the awareness on ocean conservation to the grassroots through networking with young stars in the Primary and Secondary levels and youths in the University of Calabar, by way of establishing Mundus maris asbl/ ocean conservation clubs in University of Calabar and environs
5. There was also a call for a close collaboration between Arts and Science for better understanding and appreciation of the ocean as a living entity that can die if poorly managed
6. A strong call was made for government to intervene more proactively in ocean governance through enforcement of regulations and laws on ocean resource conservation including fisheries.



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