**Shell’s response to concerns regarding its operations in Nigeria**

*The Business and Human Rights Resource Centre invited Shell to respond to the following Report::*

*- “Nigeria: No progress: An evaluation of the implementation of UNEP’s environmental assessment of Ogoniland, three years on”, Friends of the Earth Nigeria, Amnesty International, Friends of the Earth Europe, Platform & CEHRD, 5 August 2014,* [*http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/AFR44/013/2014/en/f38c44ea-5da9-465a-ac8a-9590ab33e9e8/afr440132014en.pdf*](http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/AFR44/013/2014/en/f38c44ea-5da9-465a-ac8a-9590ab33e9e8/afr440132014en.pdf)

*Shell provided the following response on 6th August 2014*

Three years on from the UNEP report’s publication, the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC), operator of a joint venture (the SPDC JV) between the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, SPDC, Total E&P Nigeria Limited and Nigerian Agip Oil Company, has made progress in addressing all the recommendations directed to it in that publication. The majority of UNEP’s recommendations require multi-stakeholder efforts coordinated by the Federal Government. However, it is important to emphasise that neither SPDC nor any other stakeholder is in a position to implement the entirety of UNEP’s recommendations unilaterally. As the UNEP report stated: “Treating the problem of environmental contamination within Ogoniland merely as a technical clean-up exercise would ultimately lead to failure. Ensuring long-term sustainability is a much bigger challenge – one that will require coordinated and collaborative action from all stakeholders.”

SPDC has an activity programme in place, focused on delivering improvements in the environmental and community health situation on the ground. We continue to work with the government, communities and a number of constructive NGOs and civil society groups in the Niger Delta to accelerate progress.

More information on SPDC’s response to the UNEP report can be found on this website: <http://www.shell.com.ng/environment-society/our-response.html>