**Shell response regarding allegations it has hijacked UNEP report implementation process in Nigeria**

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*Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Shell to respond to the following article:*

* *Shell has hijacked UNEP report implementation process, ERA/FoEN alleges, 29 October 2014 Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria* [*http://www.eraction.org/component/content/article/540*](http://www.eraction.org/component/content/article/540)

In response, Shell sent the following statement:

“UNEP assessed that the environmental restoration of Ogoniland could take many years to achieve even with coordinated efforts on the part of government agencies at all levels, industry operators and communities. UNEP also presented its recommendations as a major opportunity to bring new investment, employment opportunities and a culture of cooperation to Ogoniland. SPDC is committed to cleaning up all oil spills from its facilities and to playing its part in driving wider improvements in the environmental and health situation on the ground.

UNEP stresses that the majority of its recommendations can only be delivered through multi-stakeholder action coordinated by the Federal Government. Some of the most important recommendations on which the delivery of subsequent action depends – including the creation of an Ogoniland Environmental Restoration Authority and an Environmental Restoration Fund for Ogoniland – are directed at the Federal Government and require it to take the lead on coordinating the activities of the many stakeholders involved.”