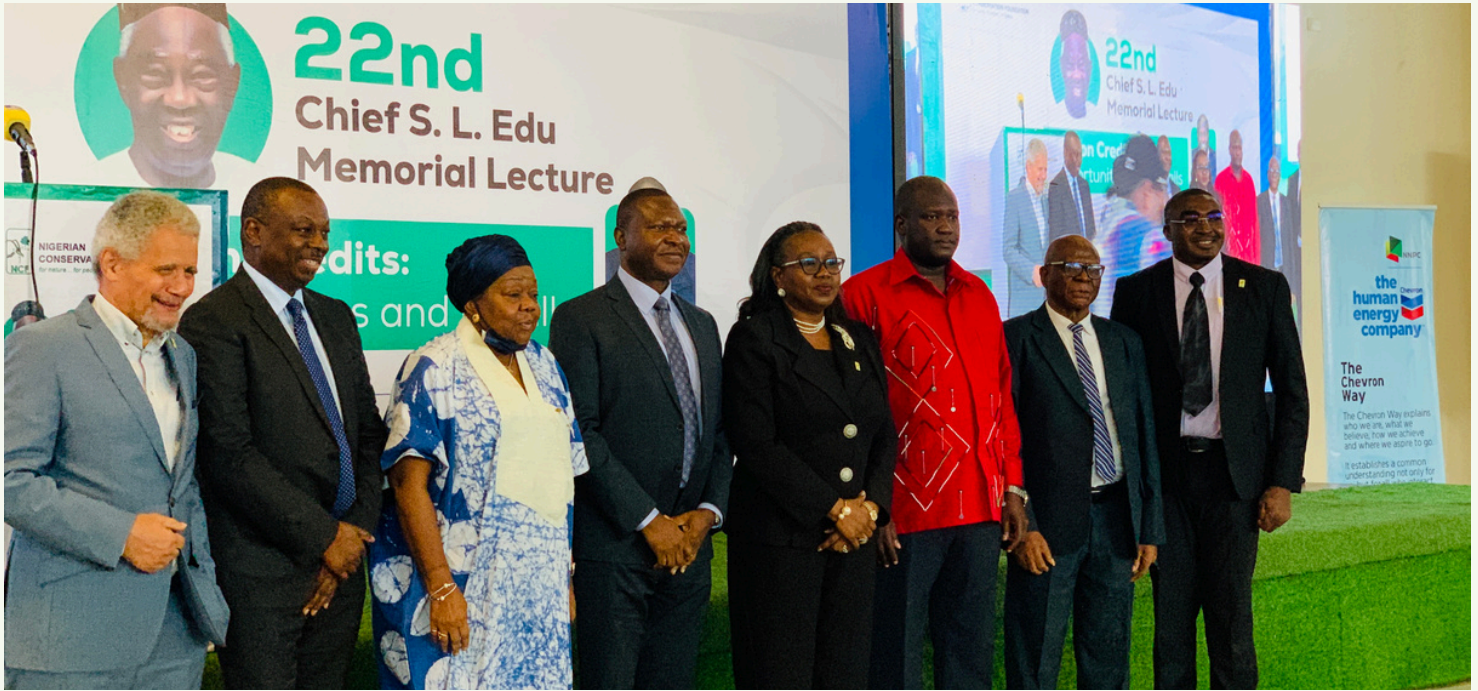




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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear reader,

Welcome to another enriching edition of the NCF newsletter. In this edition, we are ready to take you on a journey into our project activities, events, and programmes in the last 3 months.

Our flagship advocacy and policy lecture, which holds annually in memory of our founder, tagged "Chief S.L. Edu Memorial Lecture" held on 28th May 2024. This 22nd edition examined opportunities and other allied matters in carbon credit, a new development in climate change issues globally.

We had tree planting activities across many states in partnership with financial institutions and other corporate partners. We eventually sealed a deal with the prestigious first state university of education in Nigeria. See details in the inside pages.

As you digest this brief report, I encourage you to visit our website for more details. Please share this material with everyone around you. Thank you.

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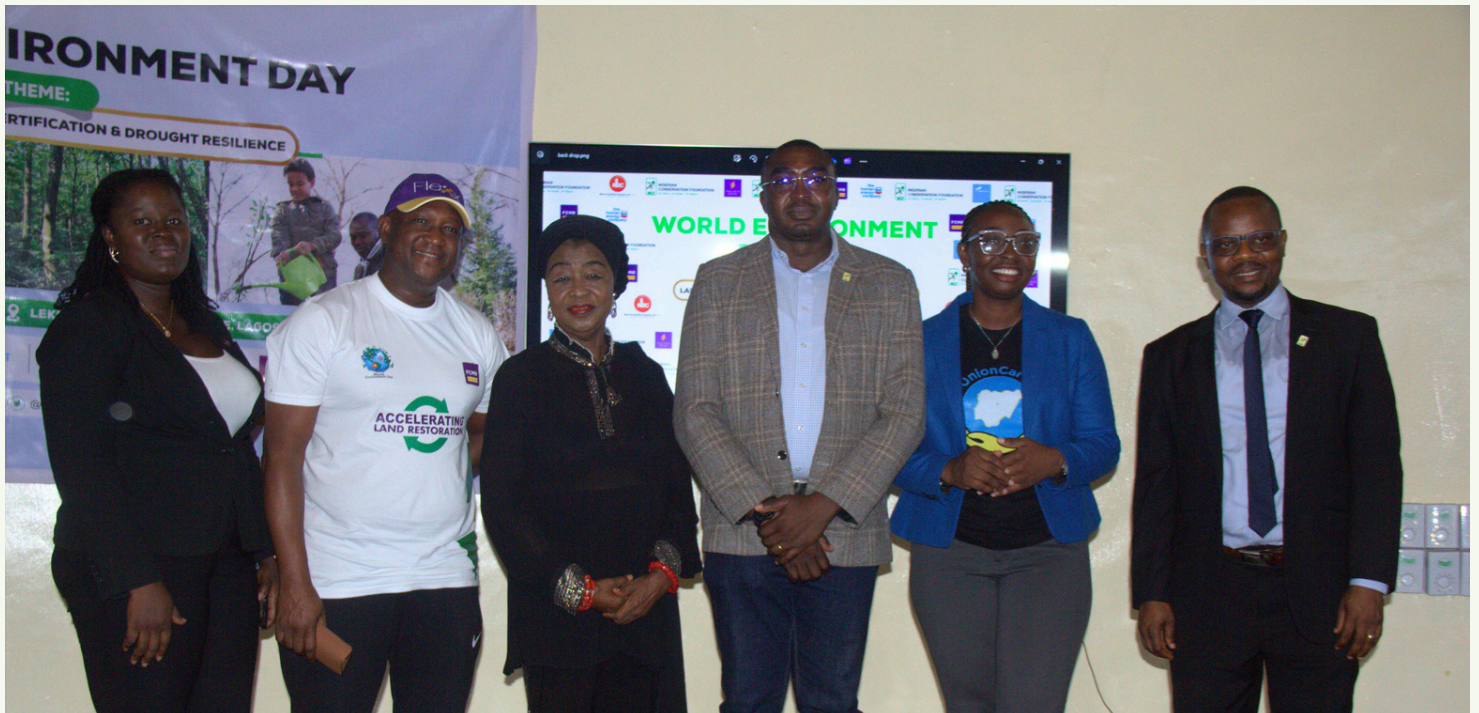
NCF/TASUED MoU Signing

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World Migratory Bird 2024

NCF/Wilder Institute CrossRiver Gorilla Project

WED 2024: NCF and partners reaffirm commitment to environmental sustainability.



On the 5th of June 2024, we joined the global community in celebrating the beauty of nature and the tremendous benefits it provides.

This year's World Environment Day campaign focused on land restoration, desertification, and drought resilience.

In the spirit of robust collaboration, we joined efforts with Union Bank of Nigeria, Polaris Bank PLC, and First City Monument Bank in the tree planting exercise to provide practical solutions to the menace caused by deforestation.

NCF and TASUED Partner For Sustainability and Nature Conservation

As part of our endeavour to strengthen environmental education initiatives in Nigerian tertiary institutions, we recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Tai Solarin University of Education (TASUED) to collaborate on the following:

- Academic and research exchange
- Exploring NCF membership opportunities for students, lecturers, and other staff
- Sustainable conservation through conservation club



The MoU was signed by Dr. Joseph Onoja, Director-General of NCF, and Professor Wole Banjo, the Vice Chancellor of Tai Solarin University of Education.

Stakeholders gathered to discuss Carbon Credits at the 22nd Chief S.L Edu Memorial Lecture

As the world is faced with diverse challenges of climate change and global warming, the foremost environmental NGO in Nigeria, the Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF), and other key stakeholders in the sustainability and environment space gathered at the 22nd Chief S.L. Edu Memorial Lecture to discuss the theme: “Carbon Credits: Opportunities and Pitfalls”.

The public lecture was held on Tuesday, 28th May 2024 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help – The Hall, 16 Musa Yar’Adua Street, Victoria Island, Lagos.

Climate change is one of the biggest challenges of our time. Rising temperatures and changing weather patterns are putting our planet’s biodiversity at risk, which in turn threatens the vital ecosystem services that we rely on for survival. But there’s hope!

The lecture was delivered by Mr. Kevin Juma, Africa Climate Director, The Nature Conservancy, Nairobi Kenya. He supports TNC work in delivering forest-based natural climate solutions with partners (private sector, governments, CSOs, and communities) and works with TNC’s global and African regional teams on forest and landscape restoration.

Watch the replay [here](#)



World Migratory Bird Day 2024: NCF hosts WMBD in Lagos to Promote The Importance of Insects for Migratory Bird.

To mark this year's World Migratory Bird Day 2024, we held a session at the Lekki Conservation Centre on May 15th, 2024.

Dr. Soladoye Iwajomo, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Zoology at the University of Lagos, spoke on this year's campaign theme which highlights the crucial role insects play in supporting migratory birds during their long journeys and breeding seasons.

He also emphasized the urgent need to protect both insects and birds to ensure the health of these ecosystems and, ultimately, human well-being.



The Development Bank of Nigeria plants 1000 trees in Lagos and Abuja to tackle climate change

As part of activities to mark the 2024 World Environment Day, the Development Bank Of Nigeria teamed up with the Nigerian Conservation Foundation in a collaborative effort to plant trees to tackle climate change and deforestation.

This year's theme: 'Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience', guided the organisation's initiatives which aimed at addressing critical environmental challenges.



World Ocean Day 2024

Oceans cover over 70% of Earth's surface. The world's oceans play a critical role in regulating the climate, therefore the sustainable use of ocean resources for development, improved livelihoods, and job creation is critical. This fact prompted us to partner with the Lekan Bakare Foundation to raise awareness about ocean ecosystems.

The 2024 Ocean Day commemorated with the theme "Catalyzing Action for Our Ocean & Climate" commenced with a beach clean-up exercise at Elgushi Beach, Lekki on Saturday 8th June 2024.

Following this, a symposium took place on Monday, June 10th. The symposium provided valuable insights to participants on innovative nature-based and people-centered solutions to safeguard our marine ecosystems and advance climate actions for a sustainable future.



APLORI Awarded NCF for Its Support



NCF was recognised for the role it played in setting up the A.P. Leventis Ornithological Research Institute (APLORI) and its continued support over the years.

This award was received by the DG NCF, Dr. Joseph Onoja, at the institute's 20th anniversary celebration at the Aliyu Akwe Doma Indoor Theatre, University of Jos.

The A.P. Leventis Ornithological Research Institute (APLORI) is the foremost Ornithological Research Institute in West Africa situated in Laminga, Jos-East Local Government Area, Plateau State, Nigeria. It is dedicated to Ornithological Research and capacity building in West Africa.

Finima Nature Park held Spelling Bee and Quiz Competitions



The Finima Nature Park held an exciting Spelling Bee and Quiz competitions in celebration of World Environment Day with the theme "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience."

The competitions which were held on the 22nd and 23rd of May 2024 brought together students from various schools on the Island. This aimed to build environmental literacy among the younger generation and further raise awareness for our planet.

This event was sponsored by the Nigeria LNG Limited.

Cross River Gorilla Captured on Trail Cameras in Afi Mountain



Trail cameras in the Afi Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary have captured stunning footage of the world's rarest great ape – the Cross River gorilla. The extraordinary sightings mark the first successful photos since three graduate students at the University of Calabar in Nigeria began studying this elusive subspecies last year as part of the Cross River Gorilla initiative.

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World Environment Day 2024



Tree Planting at Obanta comprehensive High School



WED 2024 Commemoration in Calabar



Commemorative planting at Nguru, Yobe

As the world continues to battle the effects of land degradation and desertification, Nigeria is not being left out of the trouble. This year's World Environment Day highlights pressing environmental issues that need urgent attention. Several days of activities were planned to educate people and propose practical solutions to deforestation through simple and adaptable nature-based strategies.

Some of the major activities carried out include beach cleanup, seedlings donation and tree planting exercises

These were done to protect our environment by limiting the volume of plastics going into our landfills and promoting environmental education among young Nigerians.

UPCOMING EVENT

World Population Day - 11 July

International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystems - 26th July

World Nature Conservation Day - 28th July

World Ranger Day - 31st July

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