

**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 6TH BONNY INDIGENES IN DIASPORA CONVENTION HELD IN
EDISON, NEW JERSEY, AUGUST 30TH TO SEPTEMBER 1ST 2014.**

Bonny Island Foundation (BIF), U.S.A., and Canada hosted her 6th "Bonny Indigenes in Diaspora" Convention at the Sheraton Hotel, Edison, New Jersey, U.S.A., between August 30th and September 1st 2014, with the theme, *Marine Transportation and Safety*.

Resolutions

The panel discussions on "*Marine Transportation and Safety*" came to an end with the following resolutions:

1. That, there should be a public policy on safety, with regard to sea transportation, ensuring that boat owners, operators, and passengers alike, follow the safety guidelines (boat capacity and proper safety gears), set forth by the policy; violators should adequately be punished in accordance to the law.
2. That, all stakeholders should take an interest in the formation of a Bonny Transport Company (BTC), with duties to manage marine transport in Bonny.
3. That, we approach experienced and serious investors like NLNG to get involved in commercial marine transportation. Such companies will take safety very seriously, and also will provide service at affordable rates.
4. That, we engage government to ensure tougher inspection rules for sea worthiness of vessels and ensure that compliance is enforced.
5. That, we form pressure groups or civil society groups that will keep drawing government's attention to the fact that they are not doing enough to ensure travel safety for our people in the coastal areas. Stakeholders should be sensitized to realize that they have the power to call our government to order and can hold government responsible, and accountable for non performance.
6. Shares of said company to be open preferentially to boat owners in Bonny to compensate them for lost revenue.

Signed for, and on behalf of Bonny Island Foundation (BIF) USA & Canada:

Dr. Peter Hart (BIF President) - Signed

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